Dell™ XPS™ M1210

Owner's Manual

Model PP11S

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Notes, Notices, and Cautions

NOTE: A NOTE indicates important information that helps you make better use of your computer.

NOTICE: A NOTICE indicates either potential damage to hardware or loss of data and tells you how to avoid the problem.

CAUTION: A CAUTION indicates a potential for property damage, personal injury, or death.

Abbreviations and Acronyms

For a complete list of abbreviations and acronyms, see "Glossary" on page 177.

If you purchased a Dell™ n Series computer, any references in this document to Microsoft® Windows® operating systems are not applicable.

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Finding Information

NOTE: Some features or media may be optional and may not ship with your computer. Some features or media may not be available in certain countries.

NOTE: Additional information may ship with your computer.

What Are You Looking For?	Find It Here
• A diagnostic program for my computer • Drivers for my computer • My device documentation • Notebook System Software (NSS)	**Drivers and Utilities CD (also known as ResourceCD)** **NOTE:** The *Drivers and Utilities* CD may be optional and may not ship with your computer. Documentation and drivers are already installed on your computer. You can use the CD to reinstall drivers (see "Reinstalling Drivers and Utilities" on page 106) or to run the Dell Diagnostics (see "Dell Diagnostics" on page 85). Readme files may be included on your CD to provide last-minute updates about technical changes to your computer or advanced technical-reference material for technicians or experienced users. **NOTE:** Drivers and documentation updates can be found at **support.dell.com**.
• Warranty information • Terms and Conditions (U.S. only) • Safety instructions • Regulatory information • Ergonomics information • End User License Agreement	**Dell™ Product Information Guide**

What Are You Looking For?	Find It Here
• How to set up my computer	**Setup Diagram**
• Service Tag and Express Service Code • Microsoft Windows License Label	**Service Tag and Microsoft® Windows® License** These labels are located on the bottom of your computer. • Use the Service Tag to identify your computer when you use **support.dell.com** or contact technical support. • Enter the Express Service Code to direct your call when contacting technical support.

What Are You Looking For?	Find It Here
• Solutions — Troubleshooting hints and tips; articles from technicians; online courses; and frequently asked questions • Community — Online discussion with other Dell customers • Upgrades — Upgrade information for components, such as memory, the hard drive, and the operating system • Customer Care — Contact information, service call and order status, warranty, and repair information • Service and support — Service call status and support history, service contract, online discussions with technical support • Reference — Computer documentation, details on my computer configuration, product specifications, and white papers • Downloads — Certified drivers, patches, and software updates	**Dell Support Website — support.dell.com** **NOTE:** Select your region to view the appropriate support site.
• Notebook System Software (NSS)— If you reinstall the operating system for your computer, you should also reinstall the NSS utility. NSS provides critical updates for your operating system and support for Dell™ 3.5-inch USB floppy drives, Intel® processors, optical drives, and USB devices. NSS is necessary for correct operation of your Dell computer. The software automatically detects your computer and operating system and installs the updates appropriate for your configuration.	To download Notebook System Software: 1 Go to **support.dell.com** and click **Downloads**. 2 Enter your Service Tag or product model. 3 In the **Download Category** drop-down menu, click **All**. 4 Select the operating system and operating system language for your computer, and click **Submit.** 5 Under **Select a Device**, scroll to **System and Configuration Utilities**, and click **Dell Notebook System Software**.
• Software upgrades and troubleshooting hints • Frequently asked questions, hot topics, and general health of your computing environment	**Dell Support Utility** The Dell Support Utility is an automated upgrade and notification system installed on your computer. This support provides real-time health scans of your computing environment, software updates, and relevant self-support information. Access the Dell Support Utility from the icon in the taskbar. For more information, see "Dell Support Utility" on page 88.
• How to use Windows XP • How to work with programs and files • How to personalize my desktop	**Windows Help and Support Center** 1 Click the **Start** button and click **Help and Support**. 2 Type a word or phrase that describes your problem and click the arrow icon. 3 Click the topic that describes your problem. 4 Follow the instructions on the screen.

What Are You Looking For?	Find It Here
• Information on network activity, the Power Management Wizard, hotkeys, and other items controlled by Dell QuickSet	**Dell QuickSet Help** To view *Dell QuickSet Help*, right-click the icon in the Microsoft® Windows® taskbar. For more information on Dell QuickSet, see "Dell™ QuickSet" on page 137.
• How to reinstall my operating system	**Operating System CD** **NOTE:** The *Operating System* CD is optional and may not ship with your computer. The operating system is already installed on your computer. To reinstall your operating system, use one of the following methods: • Microsoft Windows *System Restore* — Microsoft Windows *System Restore* returns your computer to an earlier operating state without affecting data files. • Dell *PC Restore* — Dell *PC Restore* returns your computer to its original operating state. Dell *PC Restore* may not ship with your computer. • *Operating System* CD — If you received an *Operating System* CD with your computer, you can use it to restore your operating system. For more information, see "Restoring Your Operating System" on page 108. After you reinstall your operating system, use the *Drivers and Utilities* CD (*ResourceCD*) (see "Reinstalling Drivers and Utilities" on page 106) to reinstall drivers for the devices that came with your computer. **NOTE:** The color of your CD varies based on the operating system you ordered.

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About Your Computer

Determining Your Computer’s Configuration

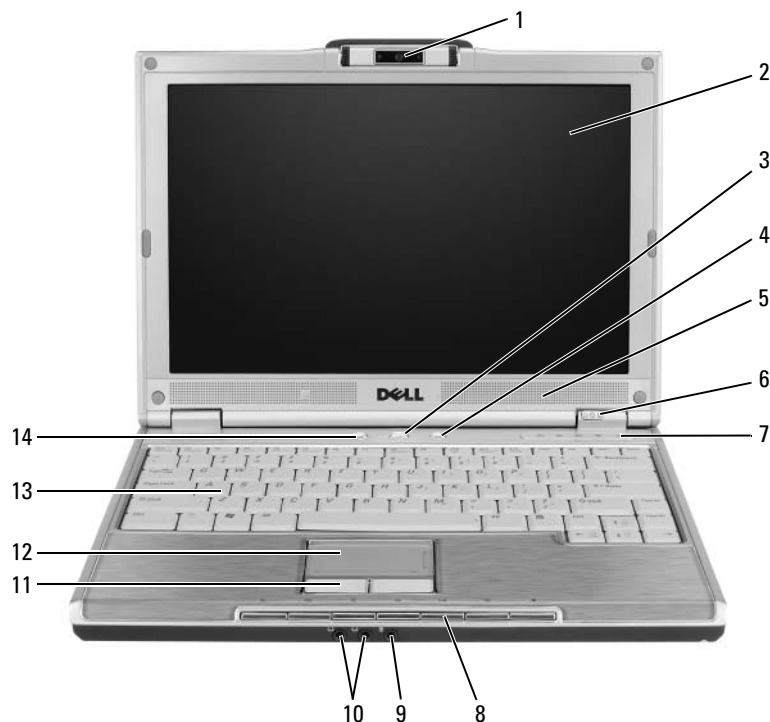
Based on selections that you made when purchasing your computer, your computer has one of several different video controller configurations. To determine your computer’s video controller configuration:

1 Access the Microsoft® Windows® Help and Support Center. For instructions, see "Windows Help and Support Center" on page 13.

2 Under **Pick a Task**, click **Use Tools to view your computer information and diagnose problems.**

3 Under **My Computer Information**, select **Hardware**.

From the **My Computer Information - Hardware** screen, you can view the type of video controller installed in your computer, as well as the other hardware components.

Front View

1	camera	6	device status lights	11	touch pad buttons
2	display	7	keyboard and wireless status lights	12	touch pad
3	power button	8	media control buttons	13	keyboard
4	shutter button	9	microphone/line-in connector	14	Dell MediaDirect™ button
5	speakers (2)	10	headphone connectors (2)		

CAMERA — For more information about the camera, see "Using the Optional Camera" on page 45.

DISPLAY — For more information about your display, see "Using the Display" on page 33.

POWER BUTTON — Press the power button to turn on the computer or to enter or exit a power management mode. See "Power Management Modes" on page 41.

SHUTTER BUTTON — Press the shutter button to take a picture. The shutter button is only available with the optional camera.

SPEAKERS (2) — To adjust the volume of the integrated speakers, press the media control buttons.

DEVICE STATUS LIGHTS

⏻	Turns on when you turn on the computer, and blinks when the computer is in a power management mode.
🛢	Turns on when the computer reads or writes data.
	NOTICE: To avoid loss of data, never turn off the computer while the 🛢 light is flashing.
🔋	Turns on steadily or blinks to indicate battery charge status.

If the computer is connected to an electrical outlet, the 🔋 light operates as follows:

- Solid green: The battery is charging.
- Flashing green: The battery is almost fully charged.

If the computer is running on a battery, the 🔋 light operates as follows:

- Off: The battery is adequately charged (or the computer is turned off).
- Flashing orange: The battery charge is low.
- Solid orange: The battery charge is critically low.

KEYBOARD AND WIRELESS STATUS LIGHTS —

The green lights located above the keyboard indicate the following:

🔒9	Turns on when the numeric keypad is enabled.
🔒A	Turns on when the uppercase letter function is enabled.
🔒↓	Turns on when the scroll lock function is enabled.

Turns on when wireless networking is enabled. To enable or disable wireless networking, use the wireless switch. For information on using the wireless switch, see "Dell™ Wi-Fi Catcher™ Network Locator" on page 82.

Turns on when a card with Bluetooth® wireless technology is enabled.

NOTE: The card with Bluetooth wireless technology is an optional feature, so the light turns on only if you ordered the card with your computer. For more information, see the documentation that came with your card.

To turn off only the Bluetooth wireless technology functionality, right-click the icon in the notification area and click **Disable Bluetooth Radio**.

To enable or disable wireless networking, use the wireless switch. For information on using the wireless switch, see "Dell™ Wi-Fi Catcher™ Network Locator" on page 82.

MEDIA CONTROL BUTTONS — Control CD, DVD, and Media Player playback.

Mute the sound.

Turn the volume down.

Turn the volume up.

Play or pause.

Play the previous track.

Play the next track.

Stop.

MICROPHONE/LINE-IN CONNECTOR — Attach a microphone or other sound input device to the connector. For information about how to use the headphone connectors and the microphone/line-in connector for 5.1 surround sound mode, see "Connecting Your Computer to a TV or Audio Device" on page 56.

HEADPHONE CONNECTORS (2) — Attach headphones or speakers to the connectors. For information about how to use the headphone connectors and the microphone/line-in connector for 5.1 surround sound mode, see "Connecting Your Computer to a TV or Audio Device" on page 56.

TOUCH PAD BUTTONS — Touch pad buttons provide the functionality of a mouse.

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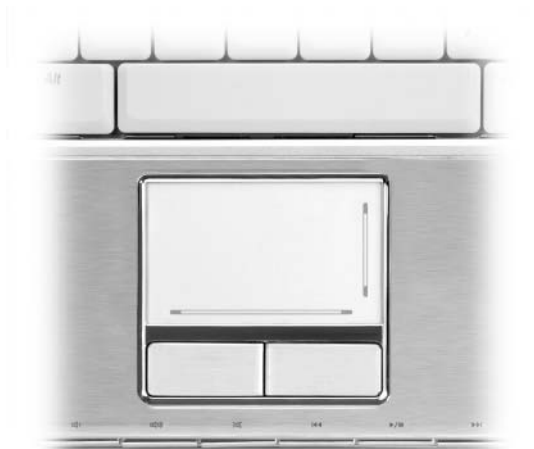
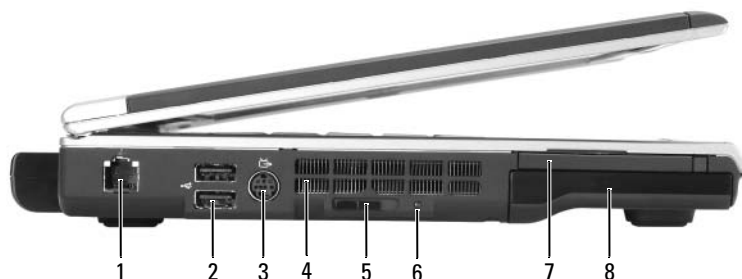

KEYBOARD — The keyboard includes a numeric keypad as well as the Microsoft Windows logo key. For information on supported keyboard shortcuts, see "Key Combinations" on page 36.

DELL MEDIADIRECT™ BUTTON — Press the button to launch either Dell Media Experience or Dell MediaDirect.

Left Side View

1	modem connector (RJ-11)	4	air vents	7	ExpressCard slot
2	USB connectors (2)	5	wireless switch	8	hard drive
3	S-video TV-out connector	6	Wi-Fi Catcher light		

MODEM CONNECTOR (RJ-11)

To use the internal modem, connect the telephone line to the modem connector.

For additional information on using the modem, see the online modem documentation supplied with your computer.

NOTICE: The network connector is slightly larger than the modem connector. To help prevent damage to the computer, do not plug a telephone line into the network connector.

USB CONNECTORS

Connect USB devices, such as a mouse, keyboard, or printer. You can also connect the optional floppy drive directly to a USB connector using the optional floppy-drive cable.

S-VIDEO TV-OUT CONNECTOR

Connects your computer to a TV. Also connects digital audio-capable devices using the TV/digital audio adapter cable.

CAUTION: Do not block, push objects into, or allow dust to accumulate in the air vents. Do not store your computer in a low-airflow environment, such as a closed briefcase, while it is running. Restricting the airflow can damage the computer or cause a fire.

AIR VENTS — The computer uses fans to create airflow through the vents, which prevents the computer from overheating.

WIRELESS SWITCH — Turns on/off wireless devices such as Wi-Fi and internal cards with Bluetooth technology and scans for wireless networks. For more information about scanning for wireless networks, see "Dell™ Wi-Fi Catcher™ Network Locator" on page 82.

WI-FI CATCHER™ LIGHT — The light operates as follows:

- Flashing green: Searching for networks
- Solid green: Strong network found
- Solid yellow: Weak network found
- Flashing amber: No signal found or error
- Off: No signal found

EXPRESSCARD SLOT — Supports one ExpressCard. The computer ships with a plastic blank installed in the slot. You can add an ExpressCard to make WWAN connectivity available on your computer. For more information, see "Using Cards" on page 71.

HARD DRIVE — Stores software and data. For more information, see "Hard Drive" on page 116 and "Hard drive problems" on page 90.

Right Side View

1	optical drive bay	3	IEEE 1394 connector	5	video connector
2	5-in-1 media memory card reader	4	USB connectors (2)		

OPTICAL DRIVE BAY — You can install devices such as a DVD drive or other optical drive in the optical drive bay. For more information, see "Optical Drive" on page 115.

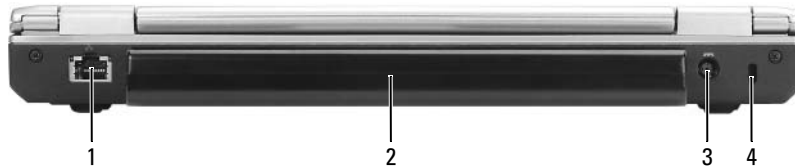
5-IN-1 MEDIA MEMORY CARD READER — Provides a fast and convenient way to view and share digital photos, music, and videos stored on a media memory card. The 5-in-1 media memory card reader reads the following digital media memory cards:

- Secure Digital (SD) card/SDIO
- MultiMediaCard (MMC)
- Memory Stick
- Memory Stick PRO
- xD-Picture Card

IEEE 1394 CONNECTOR — Connects devices supporting IEEE 1394 high-speed transfer rates, such as some digital video cameras.

VIDEO CONNECTOR

Connects an external VGA-compatible monitor.

Back View

1	network connector	3	AC adapter connector
2	battery	4	security cable slot

NETWORK CONNECTOR (RJ-45)

Connects the computer to a network. The green and yellow lights next to the connector indicate activity for wired network communications.

For information on using the network adapter, see the online network adapter documentation supplied with your computer.

BATTERY — When a battery is installed, you can use the computer without connecting the computer to an electrical outlet. For more information about the battery, see "Using a Battery" on page 39.

AC ADAPTER CONNECTOR — Attaches an AC adapter to the computer. The AC adapter converts AC power to the DC power required by the computer. You can connect the AC adapter with your computer turned either on or off.

CAUTION: The AC adapter works with electrical outlets worldwide. However, power connectors and power strips vary among countries. Using an incompatible cable or improperly connecting the cable to the power strip or electrical outlet may cause fire or equipment damage.

NOTICE: When you disconnect the AC adapter cable from the computer, grasp the connector, not the cable itself, and pull firmly but gently to help prevent damage to the cable.

SECURITY CABLE SLOT — Lets you attach a commercially available antitheft device. For more information about the security cable slot, see "Security Cable Lock" on page 83.

Bottom View

1	hard drive	4	air vents	7	battery charge gauge
2	optical-drive locking screw	5	communications card cover	8	battery
3	memory module cover	6	battery-bay latch release		

HARD DRIVE — Stores software and data. For more information, see "Hard Drive" on page 116 and "Hard drive problems" on page 90.

OPTICAL-DRIVE LOCKING SCREW — Holds the optical drive in place. For more information, see "Optical Drive" on page 115.

MEMORY MODULE COVER — Covers the compartment that contains the modem and the memory modules. For more information, see "Memory" on page 119.

CAUTION: Do not block, push objects into, or allow dust to accumulate in the air vents. Do not store your computer in a low-airflow environment, such as a closed briefcase, while it is running. Restricting the airflow can damage the computer or cause a fire.

AIR VENTS — The computer uses fans to create airflow through the vents, which prevents the computer from overheating.

COMMUNICATIONS CARD COVER — Covers the WLAN card slot and the Mobile Broadband card slot. For more information, see "Using Networks" on page 75.

BATTERY-BAY LATCH RELEASE — Releases the battery from the battery bay. See "Replacing the Battery" on page 43.

BATTERY CHARGE GAUGE — Provides information on the battery charge status. See "Checking the Battery Charge" on page 40.

BATTERY — When a battery is installed, you can use the computer without connecting the computer to an electrical outlet. For more information, see "Using a Battery" on page 39.

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Setting Up Your Computer

Connecting to the Internet

NOTE: ISPs and ISP offerings vary by country.

To connect to the Internet, you need a modem or network connection and an Internet service provider (ISP). Your ISP will offer one or more of the following Internet connection options:

- Dial-up connections that provide Internet access through a telephone line. Dial-up connections are considerably slower than DSL and cable modem connections.
- DSL connections that provide high-speed Internet access through your existing telephone line. With a DSL connection, you can access the Internet and use your telephone on the same line simultaneously.
- Cable modem connections that provide high-speed Internet access through your local cable TV line.

If you are using a dial-up connection, connect a telephone line to the modem connector on your computer and to the telephone wall jack before you set up your Internet connection. If you are using a DSL or cable modem connection, contact your ISP for setup instructions.

Setting Up Your Internet Connection

To set up an Internet connection with a provided ISP desktop shortcut:

1. Save and close any open files, and exit any open programs.
2. Double-click the ISP icon on the Microsoft® Windows® desktop.
3. Follow the instructions on the screen to complete the setup.

If you do not have an ISP icon on your desktop or if you want to set up an Internet connection with a different ISP:

1. Save and close any open files, and exit any open programs.
2. Click the **Start** button and click **Internet Explorer**.

   The **New Connection Wizard** appears.
3. Click **Connect to the Internet**.

4 In the next window, click the appropriate option:

- If you do not have an ISP and want to select one, click **Choose from a list of Internet service providers (ISPs)**.
- If you have already obtained setup information from your ISP but you did not receive a setup CD, click **Set up my connection manually**.
- If you have a CD, click **Use the CD I got from an ISP**.

5 Click **Next**.

If you selected **Set up my connection manually**, continue to step 6. Otherwise, follow the instructions on the screen to complete the setup.

NOTE: If you do not know which type of connection to select, contact your ISP.

6 Click the appropriate option under **How do you want to connect to the Internet?**, and then click **Next**.

7 Use the setup information provided by your ISP to complete the setup.

If you are having problems connecting to the Internet, see "E-Mail, Modem, and Internet Problems" on page 90. If you cannot connect to the Internet but have successfully connected in the past, the ISP might have a service outage. Contact your ISP to check the service status, or try connecting again later.

Transferring Information to a New Computer

The Microsoft® Windows® XP operating system provides a Files and Settings Transfer Wizard to move data from a source computer to a new computer. You can transfer data, such as:

- E-mail messages
- Toolbar settings
- Window sizes
- Internet bookmarks

You can transfer the data to the new computer over a network connection, or you can store it on removable media, such as a writable CD, for transfer to the new computer.

NOTE: For instructions on setting up a direct cable connection between two computers, go to support.microsoft.com and search for Microsoft Knowledge Base Article #293118, titled *How to Use Files and Settings Transfer Wizard in Windows XP*. This information may not be available in some countries.

For transferring information to a new computer, you must run the Files and Settings Transfer Wizard. You can use the optional *Operating System* CD for this process or you can create a wizard disk with the Files and Settings Transfer Wizard utility.

Running the Files and Settings Transfer Wizard With the Operating System CD

 NOTE: This procedure requires the *Operating System* CD. This CD is optional and may not be included with all computers.

Prepare the New Computer for the File Transfer

1 Start the Files and Settings Transfer Wizard by clicking **Start→ All Programs→ Accessories→ System Tools→ Files and Settings Transfer Wizard**.

2 When the **Files and Settings Transfer Wizard** welcome screen appears, click **Next**.

3 On the **Which computer is this?** screen, click **New Computer** and click **Next**.

4 On the **Do you have a Windows XP CD?** screen, click **I will use the wizard from the Windows XP CD** and click **Next**.

5 When the **Now go to your old computer** screen appears, go to your old or source computer. Do *not* click **Next** at this time.

Copy Data From the Old Computer

1 On the old computer, insert the Windows XP *Operating System* CD.

2 On the **Welcome to Microsoft Windows XP** screen, click **Perform additional tasks**.

3 Under **What do you want to do?**, click **Transfer files and settings**.

4 On the **Files and Settings Transfer Wizard** welcome screen, click **Next**.

5 On the **Which computer is this?** screen, click **Old Computer** and click **Next**.

6 On the **Select a transfer method** screen, click the transfer method you prefer.

7 On the **What do you want to transfer?** screen, select the items you want to transfer and click **Next**.

After the information has been copied, the **Completing the Collection Phase** screen appears.

8 Click **Finish**.

Transfer Data to the New Computer

1 On the **Now go to your old computer** screen on the new computer, click **Next**.

2 On the **Where are the files and settings?** screen, select the method you chose for transferring your settings and files and click **Next**.

The wizard reads the collected files and settings and applies them to your new computer.

When all of the settings and files have been applied, the **Finished** screen appears.

3 Click **Finished** and restart the new computer.

Running the Files and Settings Transfer Wizard Without the Operating System CD

To run the Files and Settings Transfer Wizard without the optional *Operating System* CD, you must create a wizard disk that lets you create a backup of your data files. Create the wizard disk on removable media so that you can move it from your new computer to your old computer.

Create a Wizard Disk

1. Start the Files and Settings Transfer Wizard by clicking **Start**→ **All Programs**→ **Accessories**→ **System Tools**→ **Files and Settings Transfer Wizard**.
2. When the **Files and Settings Transfer Wizard** welcome screen appears, click **Next**.
3. On the **Which computer is this?** screen, click **New Computer** and click **Next**.
4. On the **Do you have a Windows XP CD?** screen, click **I want to create a Wizard Disk in the following drive:** and click **Next.**
5. Insert the removable media, such as a writable CD, and click **OK**.
6. When the disk creation completes and the **Now go to your old computer** message appears, *do not* click **Next**.
7. Go to the old computer.

Copy Data From the Old Computer

1. On the old computer, insert the wizard disk.
2. Click the **Start** button and click **Run**.
3. In the **Open** field on the **Run** window, browse to the path for **fastwiz** (on the appropriate removable media) and click **OK**.
4. On the **Files and Settings Transfer Wizard** welcome screen, click **Next**.
5. On the **Which computer is this?** screen, click **Old Computer** and click **Next**.
6. On the **Select a transfer method** screen, click the transfer method you prefer.
7. On the **What do you want to transfer?** screen, select the items you want to transfer and click **Next**.

   After the information has been copied, the **Completing the Collection Phase** screen appears.
8. Click **Finish**.

Transfer Data to the New Computer

1. On the **Now go to your old computer** screen on the new computer, click **Next**.
2. On the **Where are the files and settings?** screen, select the method you chose for transferring your settings and files and click **Next**. Follow the instructions on the screen.

   The wizard reads the collected files and settings and applies them to your new computer.

   When all of the settings and files have been applied, the **Finished** screen appears.
3. Click **Finished** and restart the new computer.

NOTE: For more information about this procedure, search **support.dell.com** for document #PA1089586 (*How Do I Transfer Files From My Old Computer to My New Dell™ Computer Using the Microsoft Windows XP Operating System CD?*).

NOTE: Access to the Dell Knowledge Base document may not be available in certain countries.

Setting Up a Printer

NOTICE: Complete the operating system setup before you connect a printer to the computer.

See the documentation that came with the printer for setup information, including how to:

- Obtain and install updated drivers.
- Connect the printer to the computer.
- Load paper and install the toner or ink cartridge.

For technical assistance, refer to the printer owner's manual or contact the printer manufacturer.

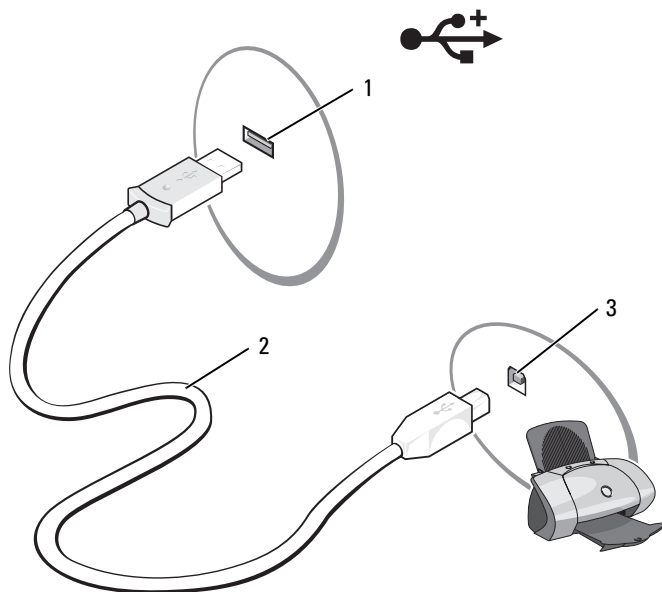
Printer Cable

Your printer connects to your computer with either a USB cable or a parallel cable. Your printer may not come with a printer cable, so if you purchase a cable separately, ensure that it is compatible with your printer and computer. If you purchased a printer cable at the same time you purchased your computer, the cable may arrive in the box in which your computer was shipped.

Connecting a USB Printer

NOTE: You can connect USB devices while the computer is turned on.

1 Complete the operating system setup if you have not already done so.

2 Attach the USB printer cable to the USB connectors on the computer and the printer. The USB connectors fit only one way.

1	USB connector on computer	2	USB printer cable	3	connector on printer

3 Turn on the printer and then turn on the computer. If the **Add New Hardware Wizard** window appears, click **Cancel**.

4 Install the printer driver if necessary. See the documentation that came with your printer.

Power Protection Devices

Several devices are available to protect against power fluctuations and failures:

- Surge protectors
- Line conditioners
- Uninterruptible power supplies (UPS)

Surge Protectors

Surge protectors and power strips equipped with surge protection help prevent damage to your computer from voltage spikes that can occur during electrical storms or after power interruptions. Some surge protector manufacturers include warranty coverage for certain types of damage. Carefully read the device warranty when choosing a surge protector. A device with a higher joule rating offers more protection. Compare joule ratings to determine the relative effectiveness of different devices.

NOTICE: Most surge protectors do not protect against power fluctuations or power interruptions caused by nearby lightning strikes. When a lightning storm is expected in your area, disconnect the telephone line from the telephone wall jack and disconnect your computer from the electrical outlet.

Many surge protectors have a telephone connector for modem protection. See the surge protector documentation for modem connection instructions.

NOTICE: Not all surge protectors offer network adapter protection. Disconnect the network cable from the network wall connector during electrical storms and when a lightning storm is expected in your area.

Line Conditioners

NOTICE: Line conditioners do not protect against power interruptions.

Line conditioners are designed to maintain AC voltage at a fairly constant level.

Uninterruptible Power Supplies

NOTICE: Loss of power while data is being saved to the hard drive may result in data loss or file damage.

NOTE: To ensure maximum battery operating time, connect only your computer to a UPS. Connect other devices, such as a printer, to a separate power strip that provides surge protection.

A UPS protects against power fluctuations and interruptions. UPS devices contain a battery that provides temporary power to connected devices when AC power is interrupted. The battery charges while AC power is available. See the UPS manufacturer documentation for information on battery operating time and to ensure that the device is approved by Underwriters Laboratories (UL).

3

Using the Display

Adjusting Brightness

When a Dell™ computer is running on battery power, you can conserve power by setting the brightness to the lowest comfortable setting by pressing <Fn> and the up- or down-arrow key on the keyboard.

NOTE: Brightness key combinations only affect the display on your portable computer, not monitors or projectors that you attach to your portable computer or docking device. If your computer is connected to an external monitor and you try to change the brightness level, the Brightness Meter may appear, but the brightness level on the external device does not change.

You can press the following keys (key combinations) to adjust display brightness:

- Press <Fn> and the up-arrow key to increase brightness on the integrated display only (not on an external monitor).
- Press <Fn> and the down-arrow key to decrease brightness on the integrated display only (not on an external monitor).

Switching the Video Image

When you start the computer with an external device (such as an external monitor or projector) attached and turned on, the image may appear on either the computer display or the external device.

Press <Fn><F8> to switch the video image between the display only, the external device only, or the display and the external device simultaneously.

For more display options, click **Start**→ **Control Panel**→ **Display**→ **Settings**.

Setting Display Resolution

To display a program at a specific resolution, both the graphics card and the display must support the program, and the necessary video drivers must be installed.

Before you change any of the default display settings, make a note of the default settings for future reference.

If you choose a resolution or color palette that is higher than the display supports, the settings adjust automatically to the closest supported values.

1 Click the **Start** button and click **Control Panel**.
2 Under **Pick a category**, click **Appearance and Themes**.
3 Under **Pick a task...**, click the area you want to change, or under **or pick a Control Panel icon**, click **Display**.
4 Try different settings for **Color quality** and **Screen resolution**.

NOTE: As the resolution increases, icons and text appear smaller on the screen.

4

Using the Keyboard and Touch Pad

Numeric Keypad

The numeric keypad functions like the numeric keypad on an external keyboard. Each key on the keypad has multiple functions. The keypad numbers and symbols are marked in blue on the right of the keypad keys. To type a number or symbol, press <Fn> and the desired key after enabling the keypad.

- To enable the keypad, press <Num Lk>. The light indicates that the keypad is active.
- To disable the keypad, press <Num Lk> again.

Key Combinations

System Functions

<Ctrl><Shift><Esc>	Opens the **Task Manager** window.

Display Functions

<Fn><F8>	Displays icons representing all currently available display options (for example, display only, external monitor or projector only, both display and projector, and so on). Highlight the desired icon to switch the display to that option.
<Fn> and up-arrow key	Increases brightness on the integrated display only (not on an external monitor).
<Fn> and down-arrow key	Decreases brightness on the integrated display only (not on an external monitor).

Power Management

<Fn><Esc>	Activates a power management mode. You can reprogram this keyboard shortcut to activate a different power management mode using the **Advanced** tab in the **Power Options Properties** window. See "Power Management Modes" on page 41.

Microsoft® Windows® Logo Key Functions

Windows logo key and <m>	Minimizes all open windows.
Windows logo key and <Shift><m>	Restores all minimized windows. This command functions as a toggle to restore (maximize) all windows previously minimized with the use of the Windows logo key and <m> key combination.
Windows logo key and <e>	Runs Windows Explorer.
Windows logo key and <r>	Opens the **Run** dialog box.
Windows logo key and <f>	Opens the **Search Results** dialog box.
Windows logo key and <Ctrl><f>	Opens the **Search Results-Computer** dialog box (if the computer is connected to a network).
Windows logo key and <Pause>	Opens the **System Properties** dialog box.

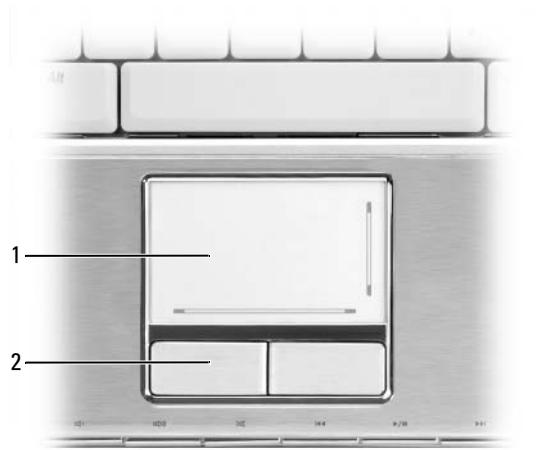
QuickSet Key Combinations

If QuickSet is installed, you can use other shortcut keys for functions such as the Battery Meter or activating power management modes. For more information about QuickSet key combinations, right-click the icon in the taskbar, and click **Help**.

Adjusting Keyboard Settings

To adjust keyboard operation, such as the character repeat rate, open the Control Panel, click **Printers and Other Hardware**, and click **Keyboard**. For information about the Control Panel, see the Windows Help and Support Center. To access the Help and Support Center, see "Windows Help and Support Center" on page 13.

Touch Pad

The touch pad detects the pressure and movement of your finger to allow you to move the cursor on the display. Use the touch pad and touch pad buttons as you would use a mouse.

1	touch pad	**2**	touch pad buttons (2)

- To move the cursor, lightly slide your finger over the touch pad.
- To select an object, position the cursor on the object and lightly tap once on the surface of the touch pad or use your thumb to press the left touch-pad button.
- To select and move (or drag) an object, position the cursor on the object and tap twice on the touch pad. On the second tap, leave your finger on the touch pad and move the selected object by sliding your finger over the surface.
- To double-click an object, position the cursor on the object and tap twice on the touch pad or use your thumb to press the left touch-pad button twice.

The touch pad has silk screening on the right side and at the bottom to indicate vertical and horizontal scrolling capability. Scrolling is enabled by default. To disable this feature, modify the mouse properties through the Control Panel.

 NOTE: The scroll zones may not work with all application programs. For the scroll zones to function properly, the application program must be able to use the touch-pad scroll feature.

Customizing the Touch Pad

You can use the **Mouse Properties** window to disable the touch pad or adjust its settings.

1. Open the Control Panel, click **Printers and Other Hardware**, and then click **Mouse**. For information about the Control Panel, see the Windows Help and Support Center. To access the Help and Support Center, see "Windows Help and Support Center" on page 13.
2. In the **Mouse Properties** window, click the **Touch Pad** tab to adjust touch pad settings.
3. Click **OK** to save the settings and close the window.

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Using a Battery

Battery Performance

NOTE: For information about the Dell warranty for your computer, see the *Product Information Guide* or separate paper warranty document that shipped with your computer.

For optimal computer performance and to help preserve BIOS settings, operate your Dell™ portable computer with the battery installed at all times. One battery is supplied as standard equipment in the battery bay.

NOTE: Because the battery may not be fully charged, use the AC adapter to connect your new computer to an electrical outlet the first time you use the computer. For best results, operate the computer with the AC adapter until the battery is fully charged. To view battery charge status, access the Control Panel, click **Power Options**, and then click the **Power Meter** tab.

NOTE: Battery operating time (the time the battery can hold a charge) decreases over time. Depending on how often the battery is used and the conditions under which it is used, you may need to purchase a new battery during the life of your computer.

Battery operating time varies depending on operating conditions. Operating time is significantly reduced when you perform operations including, but not limited to, the following:

- Using optical drives
- Using wireless communications devices, ExpressCards, media memory cards, or USB devices
- Using high-brightness display settings, 3D screen savers, or other power-intensive programs such as complex 3D graphics applications
- Running the computer in maximum performance mode (See "Configuring Power Management Settings" on page 43.)

NOTE: It is recommended that you connect your computer to an electrical outlet when writing to a CD or DVD.

You can check the battery charge (see "Checking the Battery Charge" on page 40) before you insert the battery into the computer. You can also set power management options to alert you when the battery charge is low. See "Configuring Power Management Settings" on page 43 for information about accessing QuickSet or the **Power Options Properties** window.

CAUTION: Using an incompatible battery may increase the risk of fire or explosion. Replace the battery only with a compatible battery purchased from Dell. The battery is designed to work with your Dell computer. Do not use a battery from other computers with your computer.

CAUTION: Do not dispose of batteries with household waste. When your battery no longer holds a charge, call your local waste disposal or environmental agency for advice on disposing of a lithium-ion battery. See "Battery Disposal" in the *Product Information Guide*.

 CAUTION: Misuse of the battery may increase the risk of fire or chemical burn. Do not puncture, incinerate, disassemble, or expose the battery to temperatures above 65°C (149°F). Keep the battery away from children. Handle damaged or leaking batteries with extreme care. Damaged batteries may leak and cause personal injury or equipment damage.

Checking the Battery Charge

The Dell QuickSet Battery Meter, the Microsoft® Windows® **Power Meter** window and icon, the battery charge gauge and health gauge, and the low-battery warning provide information on the battery charge.

Dell™ QuickSet Battery Meter

If Dell QuickSet is installed, press <Fn><F3> to display the QuickSet Battery Meter. The Battery Meter displays status, charge level, and charge completion time for the battery in your computer. For information about QuickSet, right-click the icon in the taskbar, and click **Help**.

Microsoft® Windows® Power Meter

The Windows Power Meter indicates the remaining battery charge. To check the Power Meter, double-click the icon on the taskbar. For instructions on accessing more information about the Power Meter, see "Configuring Power Management Settings" on page 43.

If the computer is connected to an electrical outlet, a icon appears.

Charge Gauge

By either pressing once or *pressing and holding* the status button on the charge gauge on the battery, you can check:

- Battery charge (check by pressing and *releasing* the status button)
- Battery health (check by pressing and *holding* the status button)

The battery operating time is largely determined by the number of times it is charged. After hundreds of charge and discharge cycles, batteries lose some charge capacity—or battery health. That is, a battery can show a status of "charged" but maintain a reduced charge capacity (health).

Check the Battery Charge

To check the battery charge, *press and release* the status button on the battery charge gauge to illuminate the charge-level lights. Each light represents approximately 20 percent of the total battery charge. For example, if four of the lights are on, the battery has 80 percent of its charge remaining. If no lights appear, the battery has no charge.

Check the Battery Health

 NOTE: You can check battery health in one of two ways: by using the charge gauge on the battery as described below or by using the Battery Meter in Dell QuickSet. For information about QuickSet, right-click the icon in the taskbar, and click **Help**.

To check the battery health using the charge gauge, *press and hold* the status button on the battery charge gauge for at least 3 seconds. If no lights appear, the battery is in good condition, and more than 80 percent of its original charge capacity remains. Each light represents incremental degradation. If five lights appear, less than 60 percent of the charge capacity remains, and you should consider replacing the battery. See "Specifications" on page 163 for more information about the battery operating time.

Low-Battery Warning

 NOTICE: To avoid losing or corrupting data, save your work immediately after a low-battery warning, and then connect the computer to an electrical outlet. If the battery runs completely out of power, hibernate mode begins automatically.

By default, a pop-up window warns you when the battery charge is approximately 90 percent depleted. You can change the settings for the battery alarms. See "Configuring Power Management Settings" on page 43 for information about accessing QuickSet or the **Power Options Properties** window.

Conserving Battery Power

Perform the following actions to conserve battery power:

- Connect the computer to an electrical outlet when possible because battery life is largely determined by the number of times the battery is used and recharged.
- Place the computer in standby mode or hibernate mode when you leave the computer unattended for long periods of time. See "Power Management Modes" on page 41 for more information about standby and hibernate modes.
- Use the Power Management Wizard to select options to optimize your computer’s power usage. These options can also be set to change when you press the power button, close the display, or press <Fn><Esc>. See "Configuring Power Management Settings" on page 43 for more information on using the Power Management Wizard.

NOTE: See "Battery Performance" on page 39 for more information on conserving battery power.

Power Management Modes

Standby Mode

Standby mode conserves power by turning off the display and the hard drive after a predetermined period of inactivity (a time-out). When the computer exits standby mode, it returns to the same operating state it was in before entering standby mode.

NOTICE: If your computer loses AC and battery power while in standby mode, it may lose data.

To enter standby mode:

- Click **Start**→ **Shut Down**→ **Stand by**.

  or

- Depending on how you set the power management options on the **Advanced** tab (see "Configuring Power Management Settings" on page 43) in the **Power Options Properties** window, use one of the following methods:
  - Press the power button.
  - Close the display.
  - Press <Fn><Esc>.

To exit standby mode, press the power button or open the display depending on how you set the options on the **Advanced** tab. You cannot make the computer exit standby mode by pressing a key or touching the touch pad.

Hibernate Mode

Hibernate mode conserves power by copying system data to a reserved area on the hard drive and then completely turning off the computer. When the computer exits hibernate mode, it returns to the same operating state it was in before entering hibernate mode.

NOTICE: You cannot remove devices or undock your computer while your computer is in hibernate mode.

Your computer enters hibernate mode if the battery charge level becomes critically low.

To manually enter hibernate mode:

- Click **Start**→ **Shut Down**, press and hold <Shift>, and then click **Hibernate**.

  or

- Depending on how you set the power management options on the **Advanced** tab in the **Power Options Properties** window, use one of the following methods to enter hibernate mode:
  - Press the power button.
  - Close the display.
  - Press <Fn><Esc>.

NOTE: Some ExpressCards may not operate correctly after the computer exits hibernate mode. Remove and reinsert the card (see "Removing an ExpressCard or Blank" on page 72), or simply restart (reboot) your computer.

To exit hibernate mode, press the power button. The computer may take a short time to exit hibernate mode. You cannot make the computer exit hibernate mode by pressing a key or touching the touch pad. For more information on hibernate mode, see the documentation that came with your operating system.

Configuring Power Management Settings

You can use the QuickSet Power Management Wizard or Windows Power Options Properties to configure the power management settings on your computer.

- To access the QuickSet Power Management Wizard, double-click the icon in the taskbar. For more information about QuickSet, click the **Help** button in the Power Management Wizard.
- To access the **Power Options Properties** window, click **Start**→ **Control Panel**→ **Performance and Maintenance**→ **Power Options**. For information on any field in the **Power Options Properties** window, click the question mark icon on the title bar and then click on the area corresponding to the information that you need.

Charging the Battery

NOTE: With Dell™ ExpressCharge™, the AC adapter charges a completely discharged 6-cell battery in approximately 1 hour with the computer turned off. Charge time is longer with the computer turned on and also with the higher-capacity 9-cell battery. You can leave the battery in the computer as long as you like. The battery's internal circuitry prevents the battery from overcharging.

When you connect the computer to an electrical outlet or install a battery while the computer is connected to an electrical outlet, the computer checks the battery charge and temperature. If necessary, the AC adapter then charges the battery and maintains the battery charge.

If the battery is hot from being used in your computer or being in a hot environment, the battery may not charge when you connect the computer to an electrical outlet.

The battery is too hot to start charging if the light flashes alternately green and orange. Disconnect the computer from the electrical outlet and allow the computer and the battery to cool to room temperature. Then connect the computer to an electrical outlet to continue charging the battery.

For more information about resolving problems with a battery, see "Power Problems" on page 100.

Replacing the Battery

For instructions about how to replace the main battery, see "Before Working Inside Your Computer" on page 114.

Storing a Battery

Remove the battery when you store your computer for an extended period of time. A battery discharges during prolonged storage. After a long storage period, recharge the battery fully (see "Charging the Battery" on page 43) before you use it.

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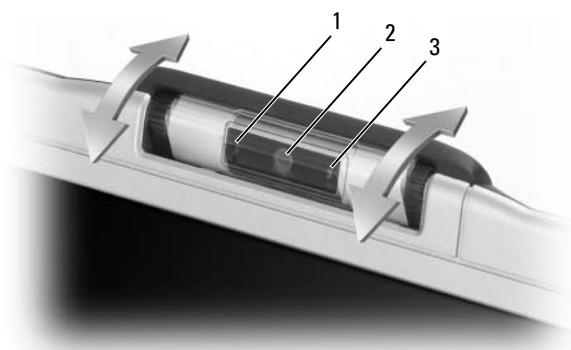
Using the Optional Camera

If you ordered a camera when you bought your computer, the camera is integrated in the computer display. The camera and its integrated directional microphone allows you to take photos and videos and to communicate visually and verbally with other computer users. The swivel action of the camera is manually adjustable. The blue camera light appears when the camera is turned on. For more information about camera features, see "Specifications" on page 163.

 NOTE: It is normal for the camera to feel warm to the touch when the computer is running and when the camera is in use.

1	directional microphone	2	camera	3	blue camera light

Accessing the Camera's Help File

To access the camera's *Video Software Help* file, right-click the icon in the notification area and click **Help**.

Manually Adjusting the Camera Settings

If you do not want the camera to use automatic settings, you can manually adjust the camera settings.

1 Double-click the icon in the notification area and click **Camera Settings**.

2 In the **Camera Settings** window:

- Click the **Video** tab to adjust video settings, such as contrast and brightness.
- Click the **Audio** tab to adjust audio settings, such as the volume level.

For more information about camera settings and other camera-related topics, see the camera's *Video Software Help* file (see "Accessing the Camera's Help File" on page 45).

Creating a Picture or a Video

1 Click the icon in the notification area and click **QuickCapture**.

or

Press the shutter button to launch the QuickCapture application.

1 shutter button

The **QuickCapture** window appears and the blue camera light turns on. You can now direct the camera to point at the object or person that you want to record. The **QuickCapture** window on the screen shows you the camera target view.

2 *To take a picture*, click **Take a Picture**, or press the shutter button.

To record a video, click **Record a Video**.

Unless you designate a different location, the picture or video is automatically saved to the **My Pictures** folder on your hard drive.

For more information about creating pictures or videos, see the camera's *Video Software Help* file (see "Accessing the Camera's Help File" on page 45).

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Using Multimedia

Playing a CD or DVD

NOTICE: Do not press down on the CD or DVD tray when you open or close it. Keep the tray closed when you are not using the drive.

NOTICE: Do not move the computer when you are playing CDs or DVDs.

NOTE: Depending on the aspect ratio of your display, movies may display differently.

1 Press the eject button on the front of the drive.
2 Pull out the tray.

1 CD/DVD tray

3 Place the disc, label side up, in the center of the tray and snap the disc onto the spindle.

NOTE: If you use a CD/DVD drive that shipped with another computer, you may need to install the drivers and software necessary to play CDs or DVDs or write data. For more information, see the *Drivers and Utilities* CD (the *Drivers and Utilities* CD is optional and may not be available for your computer or in certain countries).

4 Push the tray back into the drive.

To format CDs for storing data, to create music CDs, or to copy CDs, see the CD software that came with your computer.

NOTE: Ensure that you follow all copyright laws when you create CDs.

Adjusting the Volume

NOTE: When the audio output is muted, you do not hear sound from speakers or headphones.

1 Double-click the speaker icon in the taskbar.

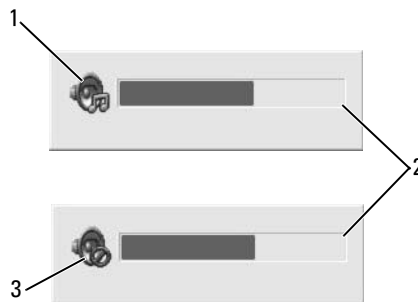
or

Click **Start**→ **All Programs**→ **Accessories**→ **Entertainment**→ **Volume Control**.

2 In the **Volume Control** window, click and drag the bar in the **Volume Control** column and slide it up or down to increase or decrease the volume.

For more information on volume control options, click **Help** in the **Volume Control** window.

The Volume Meter displays the current volume level, including mute, on your computer. Either click the icon in the taskbar and select or deselect **Disable On Screen Volume Meter** or press the media-control volume buttons to enable or disable the Volume Meter on the screen.

When the Volume Meter is enabled, adjust the volume with the media control volume-up and volume-down buttons.

1	volume icon	2	Volume Meter	3	mute icon

Adjusting the Picture

If an error message notifies you that the current resolution and color depth are using too much memory and preventing DVD playback, adjust the display properties.

1. Click the **Start** button and click **Control Panel**.
2. Under **Pick a category**, click **Appearance and Themes**.
3. Under **Pick a task...**, click **Change the screen resolution**.
4. In the **Display Properties** window, click and drag the bar in **Screen resolution** to reduce the screen resolution setting.
5. Click the drop-down menu under **Color quality**, and then click **Medium (16 bit)**.
6. Click **OK** to save the settings and close the window.

Copying CDs and DVDs

NOTE: Ensure that you observe all copyright laws when creating CDs or DVDs.

This section applies only to computers that have a CD-RW, DVD+/-RW, or CD-RW/DVD (combo) drive.

NOTE: The types of CD or DVD drives offered by Dell may vary by country.

The following instructions explain how to make an exact copy of a CD or DVD using Roxio Creator Plus - Dell Edition. You can also use Roxio Creator Plus for other purposes, such as creating music CDs from audio files stored on your computer or backing up important data. For help, open Roxio Creator Plus, and then click the question mark icon in the upper-right corner of the window.

How to Copy a CD or DVD

NOTE: CD-RW/DVD combo drives cannot write to DVD media. If you have a CD-RW/DVD combo drive and you experience recording problems, check for available software patches on the Sonic support website at **www.sonic.com**.

The DVD-writable drives installed in Dell computers can write to and read DVD+/-R, DVD+/-RW and DVD+R DL (dual layer) media, but cannot write to and may not read DVD-RAM or DVD-R DL media.

NOTE: Most commercial DVDs have copyright protection and cannot be copied using Roxio Creator Plus.

1 Click **Start**→ **All Programs**→ **Roxio**→ **Creator Projects**→ **RecordNow Copy**.
2 Under the **Copy** tab, click **Disc Copy**.
3 To copy the CD or DVD:
   - *If you have one CD/DVD drive*, ensure that the settings are correct, and then click **Disc Copy**. The computer reads your source CD or DVD and copies the data to a temporary folder on your computer hard drive.

     When prompted, insert a blank CD or DVD into the drive and click **OK**.
   - *If you have two CD/DVD drives*, select the drive into which you have inserted your source CD or DVD, and then click **Disc Copy**. The computer copies the data from the source CD or DVD to the blank CD or DVD.

   Once you have finished copying the source CD or DVD, the CD or DVD that you have created automatically ejects.

Using Blank CDs and DVDs

CD-RW drives can write to CD recording media only (including high-speed CD-RW media) while DVD-writable drives can write to both CD and DVD recording media.

Use blank CD-Rs to record music or permanently store data files. After the maximum storage capacity of a CD-R is reached, you cannot write to that CD-R again (see the Sonic documentation for more information). Use blank CD-RWs if you plan to erase, rewrite, or update information on the CD later.

Blank DVD+/-Rs can be used to permanently store large amounts of data. After you create a DVD+/-R disc, you may not be able to write to that disc again if the disc is *finalized* or *closed* during the final stage of the disc creation process. Use blank DVD+/-RWs if you plan to erase, rewrite, or update information on the disc later.

CD-Writable Drives

Media Type	Read	Write	Rewritable
CD-R	Yes	Yes	No
CD-RW	Yes	Yes	Yes

DVD-Writable Drives

Media Type	Read	Write	Rewritable
CD-R	Yes	Yes	No
CD-RW	Yes	Yes	Yes
DVD+R	Yes	Yes	No
DVD-R	Yes	Yes	No
DVD+RW	Yes	Yes	Yes
DVD-RW	Yes	Yes	Yes
DVD+R DL	Yes	Yes	No
DVD-R DL	Maybe	No	No
DVD-RAM	Maybe	No	No

Helpful Tips

- Use Microsoft® Windows® Explorer to drag and drop files to a CD-R or CD-RW only after you start Roxio Creator Plus and open a Creator project.
- Use CD-Rs to burn music CDs that you want to play in regular stereos. CD-RWs may not play in many home or car stereos.
- You cannot create audio DVDs with Roxio Creator Plus.
- Music MP3 files can be played only on MP3 players or on computers that have MP3 software installed.
- Commercially available DVD players used in home theater systems may not support all available DVD formats. For a list of formats supported by your DVD player, see the documentation provided with your DVD player or contact the manufacturer.
- Do not burn a blank CD-R or CD-RW to its maximum capacity; for example, do not copy a 650-MB file to a blank 650-MB CD. The CD-RW drive needs 1–2 MB of blank space to finalize the recording.
- Use a blank CD-RW to practice CD recording until you are familiar with CD recording techniques. If you make a mistake, you can erase the data on the CD-RW and try again. You can also use blank CD-RWs to test music file projects before you record the project permanently to a blank CD-R.
- See the Sonic website at **www.sonic.com** for additional information.

Using Dell Media Experience and Dell MediaDirect™

Based on configuration settings and selections you made when ordering your computer, your computer provides support for:

- Dell Media Experience — A multimedia user interface for accessing and playing digital media such as music and videos
- Dell MediaDirect — An instant-on multimedia playback mode for digital media

NOTE: Dell QuickSet is necessary for Dell MediaDirect to function. Changing or disabling QuickSet's default settings can limit Dell MediaDirect's functionality. For more information about Dell QuickSet, see "Dell™ QuickSet" on page 137.

Press the Dell MediaDirect button, located on the hinge cover, to launch either Dell Media Experience or Dell MediaDirect.

If the Computer Is Turned On or in Standby Mode

If you press the Dell MediaDirect button while the computer is on or in standby mode, either Windows XP Media Center Manager or Dell Media Experience launches, depending on your system setup. If both applications are installed, Windows XP Media Center Manager will launch.

NOTE: If both Windows XP Media Center and Dell Media Experience are installed on your computer, you must launch Dell Media Experience through **Start**→ **Programs** or click the Media Experience icon on the desktop.

If the Computer Is Turned Off or in Hibernate Mode

When your computer is turned off or in hibernate mode, you can press the Dell MediaDirect button to start the computer and automatically launch the Dell MediaDirect application program.

NOTICE: You cannot reinstall the Dell Media Experience or Dell MediaDirect feature if you voluntarily reformat the hard drive. You will need the installation software to reinstall these media application programs. Contact Dell for assistance. See "Contacting Dell" on page 141.

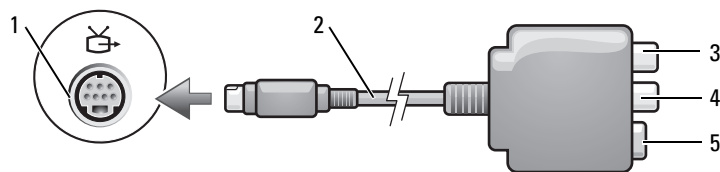
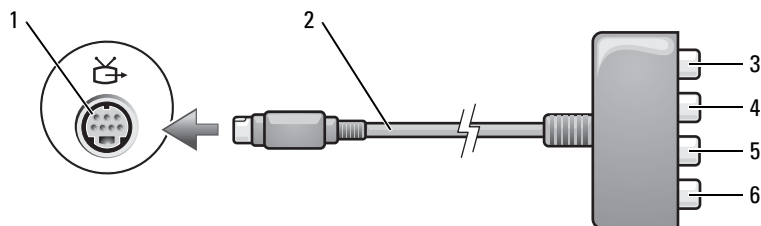
1 Dell MediaDirect button

Dell MediaDirect and Dell Media Experience Help

The Dell media application program on your computer provides help information. When you launch either program, click the desktop icon for additional help.

Connecting Your Computer to a TV or Audio Device

 NOTE: Video and audio cables for connecting your computer to a TV or other audio device are not included with your computer. Cables and component video adapters are available for purchase from Dell.

Your computer has an S-video TV-out connector that, together with a standard S-video cable (available from Dell), enables you to connect the computer to a TV.

1	S-video TV-out connector	3	S/PDIF digital audio connector	5	S-video connector
2	composite video adapter	4	composite video-output connector		

1	S-video TV-out connector	3	S/PDIF digital audio connector	5	Pb (blue) component video-output connector
2	component video adapter	4	Pr (red) component video-output connector	6	Y (green) component video-output connector

Your TV has either an S-video input connector, a composite video-input connector, or a component video-input connector. Depending on what type of connector is available on your TV, you can use a commercially available S-video cable, composite video cable, or component video cable to connect your computer to your TV.

It is recommended that you connect video and audio cables to your computer in one of the following combinations.

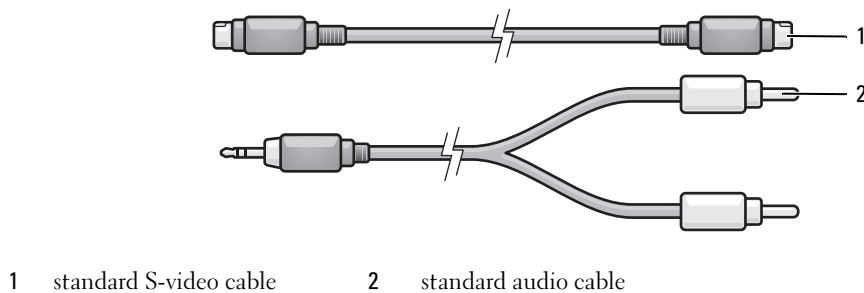
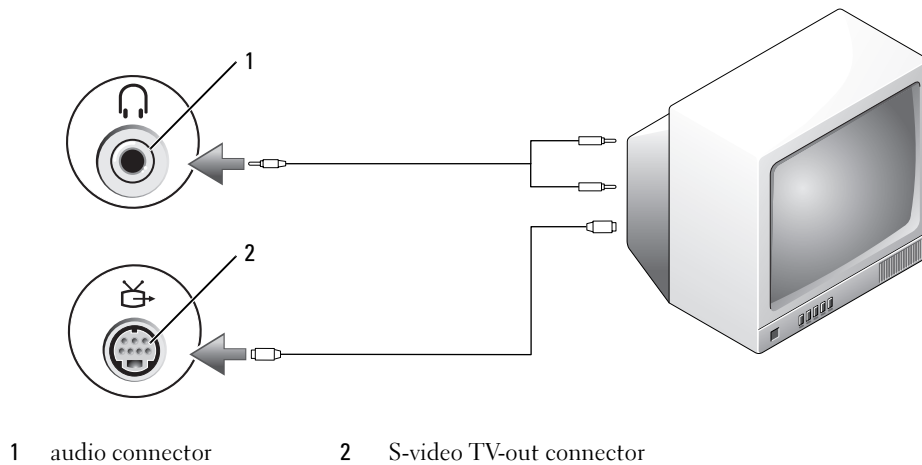
NOTE: See the diagrams at the beginning of each subsection to help you determine which method of connection you should use.

- S-video and standard audio
- Composite video and standard audio
- Component-out video and standard audio

When you finish connecting the video and audio cables between your computer and your TV, you must enable your computer to work with the TV. See "Enabling the Display Settings for a TV in Microsoft® Windows® XP" on page 68 to ensure that the computer recognizes and works properly with the TV. Additionally, if you are using S/PDIF digital audio, see "Enabling S/PDIF Digital Audio" on page 67.

S-Video and Standard Audio

1	audio connector	2	S-video TV-out connector

1	standard S-video cable	2	standard audio cable

1 Turn off the computer and the TV and/or audio device that you want to connect.

NOTE: You can connect an S-video cable directly to the S-video TV-out connector on the computer (without the component video adapter) if your TV or audio device supports S-video but not S/PDIF digital audio.

2 Plug one end of the S-video cable into the S-video output connector on the computer.

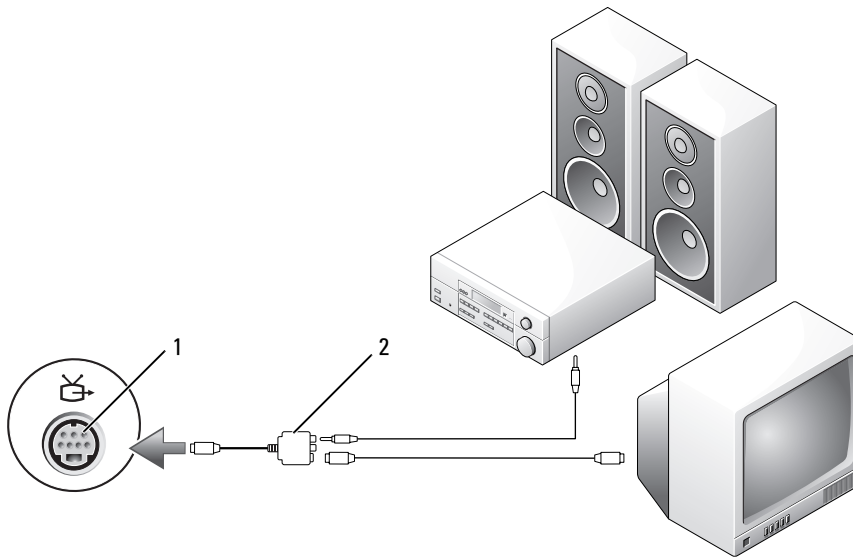
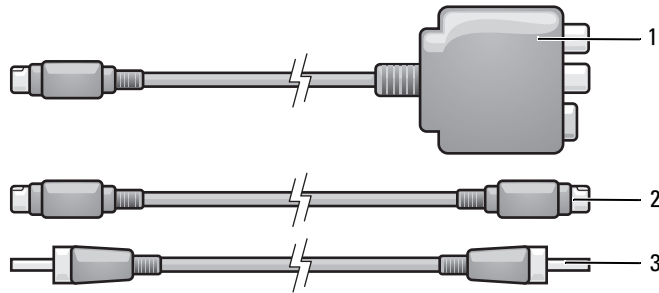
3 Plug the other end of the S-video cable into the S-video input connector on your TV.

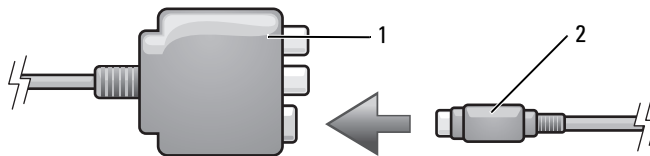
4 Plug the single-connector end of the audio cable into the headphone connector on your computer.

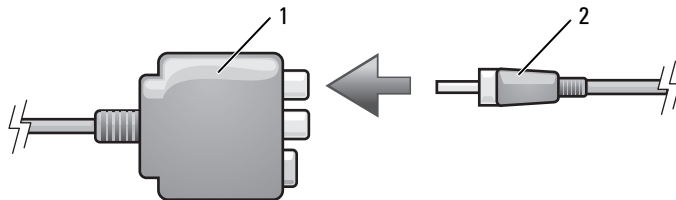
5 Plug the two RCA connectors on the other end of the audio cable into the audio input connectors on your TV or other audio device.

6 Turn on the TV and any audio device that you connected (if applicable), and then turn on the computer.

7 See "Enabling the Display Settings for a TV in Microsoft® Windows® XP" on page 68 to ensure that the computer recognizes and works properly with the TV.

S-Video and S/PDIF Digital Audio

1	S-video TV-out connector	2	composite video adapter

1	composite video adapter	2	S-video cable	3	S/PDIF digital audio cable

1 Turn off the computer and the TV and/or the audio device that you want to connect.
2 Connect the composite video adapter to the S-video TV-out connector on your computer.
3 Plug one end of the S-video cable into the S-video output connector on the composite video adapter.

1	composite video adapter	2	S-video cable

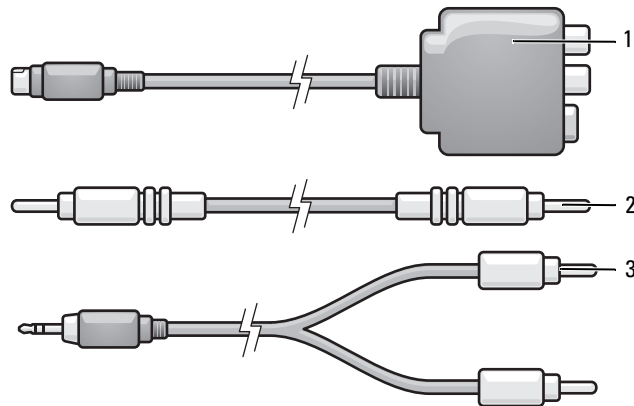
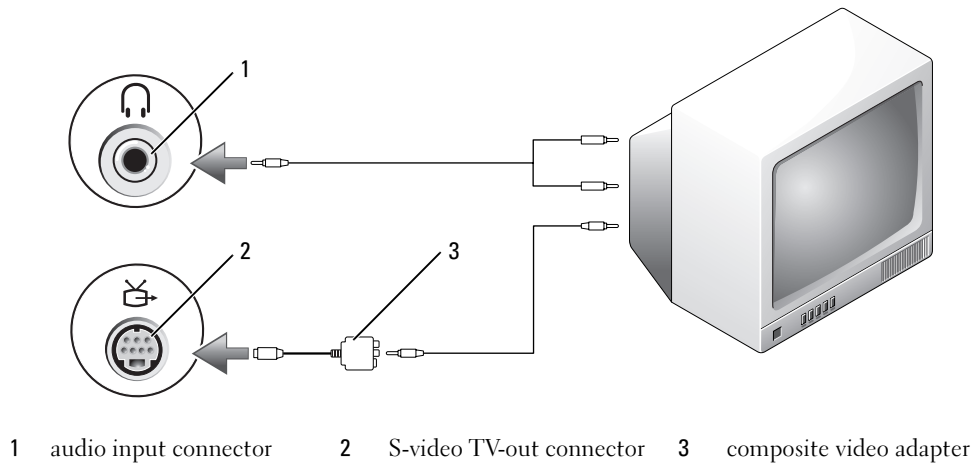
4 Plug the other end of the S-video cable into the S-video input connector on the TV.
5 Plug one end of the S/PDIF digital audio cable into the digital audio connector on the composite video adapter cable.

1	composite video adapter	2	S/PDIF digital audio cable

6 Plug the other end of the S/PDIF digital audio cable into the audio input connector on your TV or audio device.
7 Turn on the TV, turn on any audio device that you connected (if applicable), and then turn on the computer.

8 See "Enabling the Display Settings for a TV in Microsoft® Windows® XP" on page 68 to ensure that the computer recognizes and works properly with the TV.

Composite Video and Standard Audio

1	audio input connector	2	S-video TV-out connector	3	composite video adapter

1	composite video adapter	2	composite video cable	3	standard audio cable

1 Turn off the computer and the TV and/or audio device that you want to connect.
2 Connect the composite video adapter to the S-video TV-out connector on your computer.
3 Plug one end of the composite video cable into the composite video-output connector on the composite video adapter.

1	composite video adapter	2	composite video cable

4 Plug the other end of the composite video cable into the composite video-input connector on the TV.

5 Plug the single-connector end of the audio cable into the headphone connector on the computer.

6 Plug the two RCA connectors on the other end of the audio cable in to the audio input connectors on your TV or other audio device.

7 Turn on the TV, turn on any audio device that you connected (if applicable), and then turn on the computer.

8 See "Enabling the Display Settings for a TV in Microsoft® Windows® XP" on page 68 to ensure that the computer recognizes and works properly with the TV.

Composite Video and S/PDIF Digital Audio

1	S-video TV-out connector	2	composite video adapter

1	composite video adapter	2	composite video cable	3	standard audio cable

1 Turn off the computer and the TV and/or audio device that you want to connect.
2 Connect the composite video adapter to the S-video TV-out connector on the computer.
3 Plug one end of the composite video cable into the composite video-input connector on the composite video adapter.

1	composite video adapter	2	composite video cable

4 Plug the other end of the composite video cable into the composite video-input connector on the TV.
5 Plug one end of the S/PDIF digital audio cable in to the S/PDIF audio connector on the composite video adapter.

1	composite video adapter	2	S/PDIF digital audio cable

6 Plug the other end of the digital audio cable into the S/PDIF input connector on your TV or other audio device.

7 Turn on the TV, turn on any audio device that you connected (if applicable), and then turn on the computer.

8 See "Enabling the Display Settings for a TV in Microsoft® Windows® XP" on page 68 to ensure that the computer recognizes and works properly with the TV.

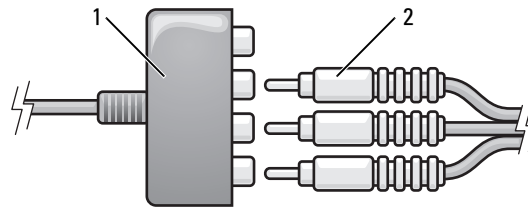
Component Video and Standard Audio

1	S-video TV-out connector	2	component video adapter

1	component video adapter	2	component video cable	3	standard audio cable

1 Turn off the computer and the TV and/or audio device that you want to connect.

2 Connect the component video adapter to the S-video TV-out connector on your computer.

3 Plug all three ends of the component video cable into the component video-output connectors on the component video adapter. Make sure that the red, green, and blue colors of the cable match the corresponding adapter ports.

1	component video adapter	2	component video cable

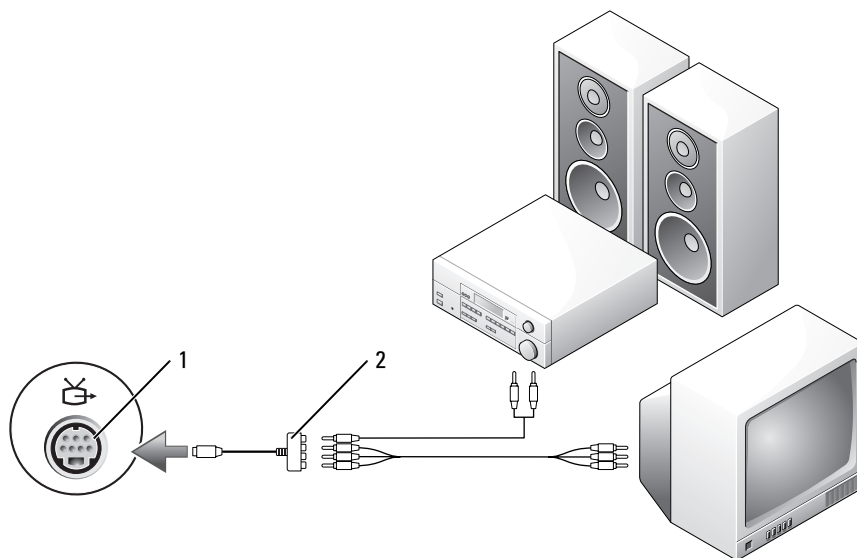
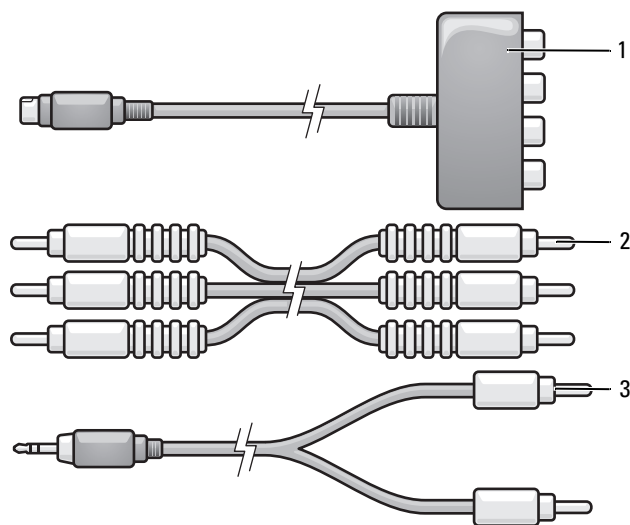
4 Plug all three connectors from the other end of the component video cable into the component video-input connectors on the TV. Make sure that the red, green, and blue colors of the cable match the colors of the TV input connectors.

5 Plug the single-connector end of the audio cable into the headphone connector on the computer.

6 Plug the two RCA connectors on the other end of the audio cable into the audio input connectors on your TV or audio device.

7 Turn on the TV, turn on any audio device that you connected (if applicable), and then turn on the computer.

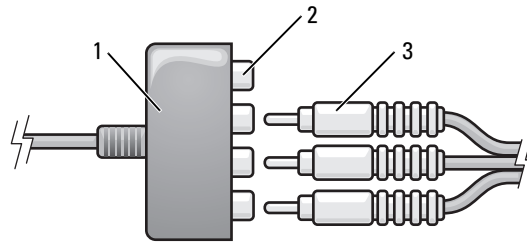
8 See "Enabling the Display Settings for a TV in Microsoft® Windows® XP" on page 68 to ensure that the computer recognizes and works properly with the TV.

Component Video and S/PDIF Digital Audio

1	S-video TV-out connector	2	component video adapter

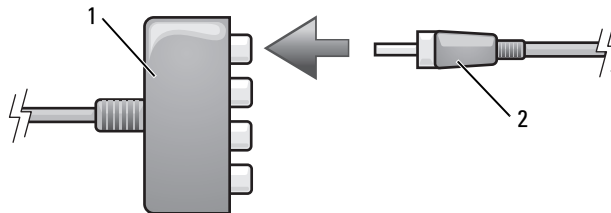
1	component video adapter	2	component video cable	3	standard audio cable

1 Turn off the computer and the TV and/or audio device that you want to connect.

2 Connect the component video adapter to the S-video TV-out connector on the computer.

3 Plug all three ends of the component video cable into the component video-output connectors on the component video adapter. Make sure that the red, green, and blue colors of the cable match the corresponding adapter ports.

1	component video adapter	2	component video-output connectors	3	component video cable

4 Plug all three connectors from the other end of the component video cable into the component video-input connectors on the TV. Make sure that the red, green, and blue colors of the cable match the colors of the TV input connectors.

5 Plug one end of the S/PDIF digital audio cable into the S/PDIF audio connector on the component video adapter.

1	component video adapter	2	S/PDIF digital audio cable

6 Plug the other end of the digital audio cable into the S/PDIF input connector on your TV or other audio device.

7 Turn on the TV, turn on any audio device that you connected (if applicable), and then turn on the computer.

8 See "Enabling the Display Settings for a TV in Microsoft® Windows® XP" on page 68 to ensure that the computer recognizes and works properly with the TV.

Enabling S/PDIF Digital Audio

If your computer has a DVD drive, you can enable digital audio for DVD playback.

1. Click **Start**, point to **All Programs**, and click **PowerDVD** to launch the **Cyberlink PowerDVD** application.
2. Insert a DVD into the DVD drive.

   If the DVD begins playing, click the stop button.
3. Click the **Settings** option.
4. Click the **DVD** option.
5. Click the **DVD Audio Setting** icon.
6. Click the arrows beside the **Speaker Configuration** setting to scroll through the options, and select the **SPDIF** option.
7. Click the **Back** button once, and then click the **Back** button again to return to the main menu screen.

Enabling S/PDIF in the Windows Audio Driver

1. Double-click the speaker icon in the Windows notification area.
2. Click the **Options** menu and then click **Advanced Controls**.
3. Click **Advanced**.
4. Click **S/PDIF Interface**.
5. Click **Close**.
6. Click **OK**.

Setting Up the Cyberlink (CL) Headphones

NOTE: The CL headphone feature is available only if your computer has a DVD drive.

If your computer has a DVD drive, you can enable digital audio for DVD playback.

1. Click **Start**, and point to **All Programs**, and click **PowerDVD** to launch the **Cyberlink PowerDVD** program.
2. Insert a DVD into the DVD drive.

   If the DVD begins playing, click the stop button.
3. Click the **Settings** option.
4. Click the **DVD** option.
5. Click the **DVD Audio Setting** icon.
6. Click the arrows beside the **Speaker Configuration** setting to scroll through the options, and select the **Headphones** option.

7 Click the arrows beside the **Audio listening mode** setting to scroll through the options, and select the **CL Headphone** option.

8 Click the arrows beside the **Dynamic range compression** option to select the most suitable option.

9 Click the **Back** button once, and then click the **Back** button again to return to the main menu screen.

Enabling the Display Settings for a TV in Microsoft® Windows® XP

Video Controller

NOTE: To ensure that the display options appear correctly, connect the TV to the computer before you enable the display settings.

1 Click the **Start** button, point to **Settings**, and then click **Control Panel**.

2 Double-click **Display** and click the **Settings** tab.

3 Click **Advanced**.

4 Click the tab for your video card.

NOTE: To determine the type of video card installed in your computer, see the Windows Help and Support Center. To access the Help and Support Center, click **Start→ Help and Support**. Under **Pick a Task**, click **Use Tools to view your computer information and diagnose problems.** Then, under **My Computer Information**, select **Hardware**.

5 In the display devices section, select the appropriate option for using either a single display or multiple displays, ensuring that the display settings are correct for your selection.

Sound Modes

Your computer is designed to run on two different sound modes—stereo and 5.1 surround sound.

Stereo Sound Mode

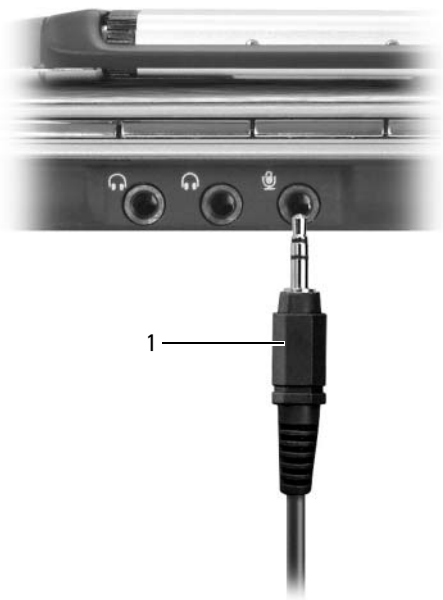
Your computer ships with stereo sound mode as the default. For this mode, the computer is equipped with two different headphone connectors and a microphone/line-in connector at the front of the computer. You can simultaneously use two sets of headphones or other sound output devices and a microphone or other sound input device.

5.1 Surround Sound Mode

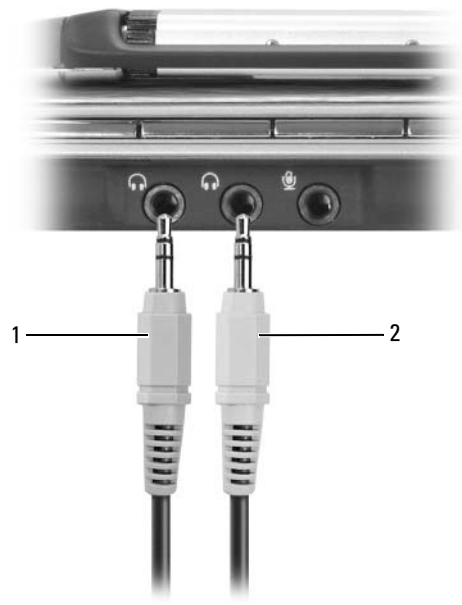
To switch to 5.1 surround sound mode, you need to connect a speaker's three differently colored cable connectors—green, yellow, and black—to the headphone and microphone connectors at the front of the computer.

NOTE: You must connect the speaker's black cable connector first or the 5.1 surround sound mode does not work.

1 Connect the speaker's black cable connector to the microphone/line-in connector at the front of the computer.

A pop-up menu appears, giving the status of which connectors are plugged in to each jack.

1 black cable connector

2 Connect the speaker’s green cable connector to the left headphone connector.

3 Connect the speaker’s yellow cable connector to the right headphone connector.

1	green cable connector	2	yellow cable connector

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Using Cards

ExpressCards

ExpressCards leverage PC Card technology to provide a fast and convenient way to add memory, wired and wireless network communications (including wireless wide area network [WWAN] communications), multimedia, and security features to your computer.

See "Specifications" on page 163 for information on supported ExpressCards.

NOTE: An ExpressCard is not a bootable device.

ExpressCard Blanks

Your computer shipped with a plastic blank installed in the ExpressCard slot. Blanks protect unused slots from dust and other particles. Save the blank for use when no ExpressCard is installed in the slot; blanks from other computers may not fit your computer.

To remove the blank, see "Removing an ExpressCard or Blank" on page 72.

Installing an ExpressCard

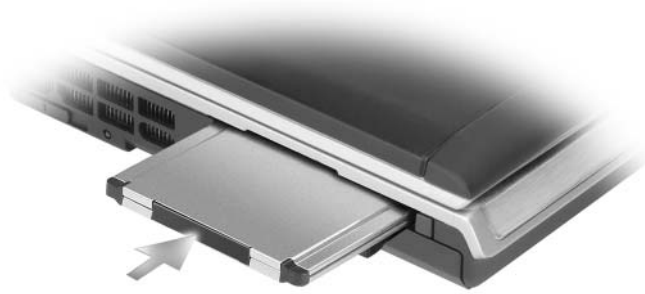
You can install an ExpressCard in the computer while the computer is running. The computer automatically detects the card.

ExpressCards are generally marked with a symbol (such as a triangle or an arrow) or a label to indicate which end to insert into the slot. The cards are keyed to prevent incorrect insertion. If card orientation is not clear, see the documentation that came with the card.

CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

To install an ExpressCard:

1 Hold the card with the top side of the card facing up. The latch may need to be in the "in" position before you insert the card.

2 Slide the card into the slot until the card is completely seated in its connector.

If you encounter too much resistance, do not force the card. Check the card orientation and try again.

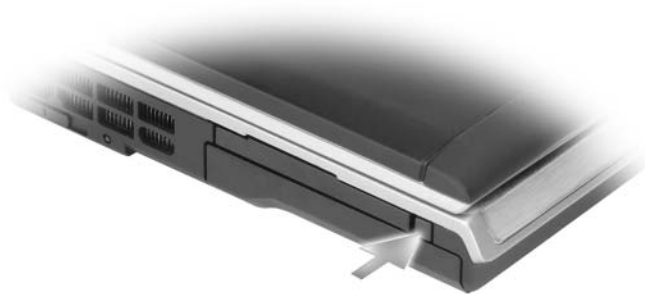
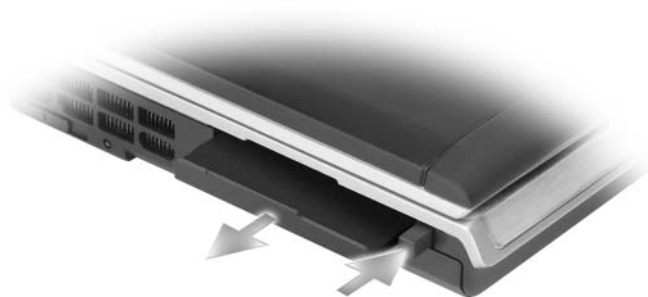
The computer recognizes the ExpressCard and automatically loads the appropriate device driver. If the configuration program tells you to load the manufacturer's drivers, use the floppy disk or CD that came with the ExpressCard.

Removing an ExpressCard or Blank

 CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

 NOTICE: Use the ExpressCard configuration utility (click the icon in the taskbar) to select a card and stop it from functioning before you remove it from the computer. If you do not stop the card in the configuration utility, you could lose data.

Press the latch and remove the card or blank. For some latches, you must press the latch twice: once to pop the latch out, and then a second time to pop the card out.

Save a blank to use when no ExpressCard is installed in a slot. Blanks protect unused slots from dust and other particles.

Media Memory Cards

The 5-in-1 media memory card reader provides a fast and convenient way to view and share digital photos, music, and videos stored on a media memory card.

NOTE: A media memory card is not a bootable device.

The 5-in-1 media memory card reader reads the following media memory cards:

- Secure Digital (SD) card/SDIO
- MultiMediaCard (MMC)
- Memory Stick
- Memory Stick PRO
- xD-Picture Card

Installing a Media Memory Card

You can install a media memory card in the computer while the computer is running. The computer automatically detects the card.

Media memory cards are generally marked with a symbol (such as a triangle or an arrow) or a label to indicate which end to insert into the slot. The cards are keyed to prevent incorrect insertion. If card orientation is not clear, see the documentation that came with the card.

 CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

To install a media memory card:

1 Hold the card with the top side of the card facing up.
2 Slide the card into the slot until the card is completely seated in its connector.

If you encounter too much resistance, do not force the card. Check the card orientation and try again.

The computer recognizes the media memory card and automatically loads the appropriate device driver. If the configuration program tells you to load the manufacturer's drivers, use the CD that came with the media memory card, if applicable.

Removing a Media Memory Card

 CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

 NOTICE: Use the media memory card configuration utility (click the icon in the taskbar) to select a card and stop it from functioning before you remove it from the computer. If you do not stop the card in the configuration utility, you could lose data.

Press the card in to release it from the card reader so that it is partially ejected, and remove the card.

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Using Networks

Physically Connecting to a Network or Broadband Modem

Before you connect your computer to a network, the computer must have a network adapter installed and a network cable connected to it.

To connect a network cable:

1. Connect the network cable to the network adapter connector on the back of your computer.

NOTE: Insert the cable connector until it clicks into place, and then gently pull the cable to ensure that it is securely attached.

2. Connect the other end of the network cable to a network connection device or a network wall connector.

NOTE: Do not use a network cable with a telephone wall connector.

Network Setup Wizard

The Microsoft® Windows® XP operating system provides a Network Setup Wizard to guide you through the process of sharing files, printers, or an Internet connection between computers in a home or small office.

1 Click **Start**→ **All Programs**→ **Accessories**→ **Communications**→ **Network Setup Wizard**→ **Next**→ **Checklist for creating a network**.

NOTE: Selecting the connection method labeled **This computer connects directly to the Internet** enables the integrated firewall provided with Windows XP Service Pack 2 (SP2).

2 Complete the checklist.

3 Return to the Network Setup Wizard and follow the instructions on the screen.

Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN)

A WLAN is a series of interconnected computers that communicate with each other over the air waves rather than through a network cable connected to each computer. In a WLAN, a radio communications device called an access point or wireless router connects network computers and provides Internet, or network, access. The access point or wireless router and the wireless network card in the computer communicate by broadcasting data from their antennas over the air waves.

What You Need to Establish a WLAN Connection

Before you can set up a WLAN, you need:

- High-speed (broadband) Internet access (such as cable or DSL)
- A broadband modem that is connected and working
- A wireless router or access point
- A wireless network card for each computer that you want to connect to your WLAN
- A network cable with the network (RJ-45) connector

Checking Your Wireless Network Card

Depending on what you selected when you purchased your computer, the computer has a variety of configurations. To confirm that your computer has a wireless network card and to determine the type of card, use one of the following:

- The **Start** button and the **Connect To** option
- The order confirmation for your computer

Start Button and Connect To Option

1. Click **Start**→ **Connect To**→ **Show all connections**.

   If **Wireless Network Connection** does not appear under **LAN or High-Speed Internet**, you may not have a wireless network card.

   If **Wireless Network Connection** appears, you have a wireless network card.

2. To view detailed information about the wireless network card:

   a. Right-click **Wireless Network Connection.**

   b. Click **Properties**. The **Wireless Network Connection Properties** window appears. The wireless network card's name and model number are listed on the **General** tab.

NOTE: If your computer is set to the **Classic Start** menu option, you can view network connections by clicking the **Start**→ **Settings**→ **Network Connections**. If **Wireless Network Connection** does not appear, you may not have a wireless network card.

The Order Confirmation for Your Computer

The order confirmation that you received when you ordered your computer lists the hardware and software that shipped with your computer.

Setting Up a New WLAN

Connecting a Wireless Router and a Broadband Modem

1. Contact your Internet service provider (ISP) to obtain specific information about the connection requirements for your broadband modem.
2. Ensure that you have wired Internet access through your broadband modem before you attempt to set up a wireless Internet connection. See "Physically Connecting to a Network or Broadband Modem" on page 75.
3. Install any software required for your wireless router. Your wireless router may have been shipped with an installation CD. Installation CDs usually contain installation and troubleshooting information. Install the required software according to the instructions provided by the router manufacturer.
4. Shut down your computer and any other wireless-enabled computers in the vicinity through the **Start** menu.
5. Disconnect your broadband modem power cable from the electrical outlet.
6. Disconnect the network cable from the computer and the modem.

NOTE: Wait for a minimum of 5 minutes after disconnecting your broadband modem before you continue with the network setup.

7. Disconnect the AC adapter cable from your wireless router to ensure that there is no power connected to the router.
8. Insert a network cable into the network (RJ-45) connector on the unpowered broadband modem.

9 Connect the other end of the network cable into the Internet network (RJ-45) connector on the unpowered wireless router.

10 Ensure that no network or USB cables, other than the network cable connecting the modem and the wireless router, are connected to the broadband modem.

NOTE: Restart your wireless equipment in the order described below to prevent a potential connection failure.

11 Turn on *only* your broadband modem and wait for at least 2 minutes for the broadband modem to stabilize. After 2 minutes, proceed to step 12.

12 Turn on your wireless router and wait for at least 2 minutes for the wireless router to stabilize. After 2 minutes, proceed to step 13.

13 Start your computer and wait until the boot process completes.

14 See the documentation that came with your wireless router to do the following in order to set up the wireless router:

- Establish communication between your computer and your wireless router.
- Configure your wireless router to communicate with your broadband router.
- Find out your wireless router’s broadcast name. The technical term for the name of your router’s broadcast name is Service Set Identifier (SSID) or network name.

15 If necessary, configure your wireless network card to connect to the wireless network. See "Connecting to a WLAN" on page 78.

Connecting to a WLAN

NOTE: Before you connect to a WLAN, ensure that you have followed the instructions in "Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN)" on page 76.

NOTE: The following networking instructions do not apply to internal cards with Bluetooth® wireless technology or cellular products.

This section provides general procedures for connecting to a network via wireless technology. Specific network names and configuration details vary. See "Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN)" on page 76 for more information about how to prepare for connecting your computer to a WLAN.

Your wireless network card requires specific software and drivers for connecting to a network. The software is already installed.

NOTE: If the software is removed or corrupted, follow the instructions in the user documentation for your wireless network card. Verify the type of wireless network card installed in your computer and then search for that name on the Dell Support website at **support.dell.com**. For information on the type of wireless network card that is installed in your computer, see "Checking Your Wireless Network Card" on page 76.

Determining the Wireless Network Device Manager

Depending on the software installed on your computer, different wireless configuration utilities may manage your network devices:

- Your wireless network card's client utility
- The Windows XP operating system

To determine which wireless configuration utility is managing your wireless network card:

1. Click **Start**→ **Settings**→ **Control Panel**→ **Network Connections**.
2. Right-click the **Wireless Network Connection** icon, and then click **View Available Wireless Networks**.

If the **Choose a wireless network** window states **Windows cannot configure this connection**, the wireless network card's client utility is managing the wireless network card.

If the **Choose a wireless network** window states **Click an item in the list below to connect to a wireless network in range or to get more information**, the Windows XP operating system is managing the wireless network card.

For specific information about the wireless configuration utility installed on your computer, see your wireless network documentation in the Windows Help and Support Center.

To access the Help and Support Center:

1. Click **Start**→ **Help and Support**.
2. Under **Pick a Help topic**, click **Dell User and System Guides**.s
3. Under **Device Guides**, select the documentation for your wireless network card.

Completing the Connection to the WLAN

When you turn on your computer and a network (for which your computer is not configured) is detected in the area, a pop-up appears near the network icon in the notification area (in the lower-right corner of the Windows desktop).

Follow the instructions provided in any utility prompts that appear on your screen.

Once you have configured your computer for the wireless network that you selected, another pop-up notifies you that your computer is connected to that network.

Thereafter, whenever you log on to your computer within the range of the wireless network that you selected, the same pop-up notifies you of the wireless network connection.

NOTE: If you select a secure network, you must enter a WEP or WPA key when prompted. Network security settings are unique to your network. Dell cannot provide this information.

NOTE: Your computer can take up to 1 minute to connect to the network.

Monitoring the Status of the Wireless Network Card Through Dell™ QuickSet

The wireless activity indicator(s) provide you with an easy way to monitor the status of your computer's wireless devices. The indicator(s) display whether your computer's integrated wireless devices are enabled or disabled. When you turn the wireless networking function on or off, the wireless activity indicator(s) change to display the status.

You can turn on or off the option to have wireless activity indicator(s) appear when you use the wireless switch to enable or disable wireless network connections. Click the Dell QuickSet icon in your taskbar, click **Hotkey Popups**, and select or deselect **Wireless Activity Indicator Off**.

For more information about the wireless activity indicator(s), see the *Dell QuickSet Help* file.For information about QuickSet and how to access the *Dell QuickSet Help* file, see "Dell™ QuickSet" on page 137.

Mobile Broadband (or Wireless Wide Area Network)

A Mobile Broadband network, also known as a Wireless Wide Area Network (WWAN), is a high-speed digital cellular network that provides Internet access over a much wider geographical area than a Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN), which typically covers only from 100 to 1000 feet. Your computer can maintain Mobile Broadband network access as long as the computer is within a cellular-data coverage zone. Contact your Service Provider for coverage of a high-speed digital cellular network.

NOTE: Even if you are able to make a call from your cellular phone in a specific geographical location, that location may not necessarily be within a cellular-data coverage zone.

What You Need to Establish a Mobile Broadband Network Connection

NOTE: Depending on your computer, you can use either a Mobile Broadband ExpressCard or Mini-Card, but not both, to establish a Mobile Broadband network connection.

To set up a Mobile Broadband network connection, you need:

- A Mobile Broadband ExpressCard or Mini-Card (depending on your computer's configuration)

NOTE: For instructions on using ExpressCards, see "Using Cards" on page 71.

- Activated Mobile Broadband ExpressCard or activated Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) for your service provider
- The Dell Mobile Broadband Card Utility (already installed on your computer if you purchased the card when you purchased your computer, or on the CD that accompanied your card if purchased separately from your computer)

  If the utility is corrupted or deleted from your computer, see the Dell Mobile Broadband Card Utility user's guide for instructions. The user's guide is available through the Windows Help and Support Center (or on the CD that accompanied your card if you purchased it separately from your computer). To access the Help and Support Center, see "Windows Help and Support Center" on page 13.

Checking Your Dell Mobile Broadband Card

Depending on what you selected when you purchased your computer, the computer has a variety of configurations. To determine your computer configuration, see one of the following:

- Your order confirmation
- Microsoft® Windows® Help and Support Center

To check your Mobile Broadband card in the Help and Support Center:

1. Click **Start**→ **Help and Support**→ **Use Tools to view your computer information and diagnose problems**.
2. Under **Tools**, click **My Computer Information** and then click **Find information about the hardware installed on this computer.**

On the **My Computer Information - Hardware** screen, you can view the type of Mobile Broadband card installed in your computer as well as other hardware components.

 NOTE: The Mobile Broadband card is listed under **Modems**.

Connecting to a Mobile Broadband Network

 NOTE: These instructions only apply to Mobile Broadband ExpressCards or Mini-Cards. They do not apply to internal cards with wireless technology.

 NOTE: Before you connect to the Internet, you must activate Mobile Broadband service through your cellular service provider. For instructions and for additional information about using the Dell Mobile Broadband Card Utility, see the user's guide available through the Windows Help and Support Center. To access the Help and Support Center, see "Windows Help and Support Center" on page 13. The user's guide is also available on the Dell Support website at **support.dell.com** and on the CD included with your Mobile Broadband card if you purchased the card separately from your computer.

Use the Dell Mobile Broadband Card Utility to establish and manage a Mobile Broadband network connection to the Internet:

1. Click the Dell Mobile Broadband Card Utility icon, , on the Windows desktop, to run the utility.
2. Click **Connect**.

   NOTE: The **Connect** button changes to the **Disconnect** button.

3. Follow the instructions on the screen to manage the network connection with the utility.

or

1. Click **Start**→ **All Programs**→ **Dell Wireless.**
2. Click **Dell Wireless Broadband** and follow the instructions on the screen.

Enabling/Disabling the Dell Mobile Broadband Card

 NOTE: If you are unable to connect to a Mobile Broadband network, ensure that you have all the components for establishing a Mobile Broadband connection (see "What You Need to Establish a Mobile Broadband Network Connection" on page 80), and then verify that your Mobile Broadband card is enabled by verifying the setting of the wireless switch.

You can turn your computer's wireless devices on and off with the wireless switch on the left side of the computer (see "Left Side View" on page 20).

If the switch is in the "on" position, move the switch to the "off" position to disable the switch and the Mobile Broadband card. If the switch is in the "off" position, move the switch to the "on" position to enable the switch and the Dell Mobile Broadband card. For information about the wireless switch positions, see "wireless switch" on page 20.

To monitor the status of your wireless device, see "Monitoring the Status of the Wireless Network Card Through Dell™ QuickSet" on page 80.

Dell™ Wi-Fi Catcher™ Network Locator

The wireless switch on your Dell computer uses the Dell Wi-Fi Catcher Network Locator software to scan specifically for WiFi wireless local area networks (LAN) in your vicinity.

To scan for WiFi networks, slide the switch toward the front of the computer and release, so that the switch springs back to the middle "on" position. To turn off the network locator function, slide the switch to the back or "off" position. The Wi-Fi Catcher Network Locator software functions regardless of whether your computer is turned on or off, in hibernate mode, or in standby mode, as long as the switch is configured through QuickSet or the BIOS (system setup program) to control WiFi network connections.

For more information on the Wi-Fi Catcher Network Locator software and to enable the feature through QuickSet, see the *Dell QuickSet Help* file. To access the *Help* file, right-click the icon in the taskbar and click **Help**.

Microsoft® Windows® Firewall

The Windows Firewall provides basic protection from unauthorized access to the computer while the computer is connected to the Internet. The firewall is automatically enabled when you run the Network Setup Wizard. When the firewall is enabled for a network connection, the firewall icon appears with a red background in the **Network Connections** section of the Control Panel.

NOTE: Enabling the Windows Firewall does not reduce the need for virus-checking software.

For more information, see the Help and Support Center for the Microsoft® Windows® XP operating system. To access the Help and Support Center, see "Windows Help and Support Center" on page 13.

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Securing Your Computer

Security Cable Lock

NOTE: Your computer does not ship with a security cable lock.

A security cable lock is a commercially available antitheft device. To use the lock, attach it to the security cable slot on your Dell™ computer. For more information, see the instructions included with the device.

NOTICE: Before you buy an antitheft device, ensure that it will work with the security cable slot on your computer.

Passwords

Passwords prevent unauthorized access to your computer. When using passwords, observe the following guidelines:

- Choose a password that you can remember, but not one that is easy to guess. For example, do not use the names of family members or pets for passwords.
- It is recommended that you do not write down your password. If you do write it down, however, ensure that the password is stored in a secure place.

- Do not share your password with other people.
- Ensure that people are not watching you when you type your password.

NOTICE: Passwords provide a high level of security for data in your computer or hard drive. However, they are not foolproof. If you require more security, obtain and use additional forms of protection, such as smart cards, data encryption programs, or PC Cards (or Mini-Cards) with encryption features.

Use the **User Accounts** option in the Control Panel in the Microsoft® Windows® operating system to create user accounts or to change passwords. Once you create a user password, you must enter it each time you turn on or unlock your computer. If you do not enter a password within 2 minutes, the computer returns to its previous operating state.

For more information, see your Windows documentation.

Computer Tracking Software

Computer tracking software may enable you to locate your computer if it is lost or stolen. The software is optional and may be purchased when you order your Dell™ computer, or you can contact your Dell sales representative for information about this security feature.

NOTE: Computer tracking software may not be available in certain countries.

NOTE: If you have computer tracking software and your computer is lost or stolen, you must contact the company that provides the tracking service to report the missing computer.

If Your Computer Is Lost or Stolen

- Call a law enforcement agency to report the lost or stolen computer. Include the Service Tag in your description of the computer. Ask that a case number be assigned and write down the number, along with the name, address, and phone number of the law enforcement agency. If possible, obtain the name of the investigating officer.

NOTE: If you know where the computer was lost or stolen, call a law enforcement agency in that area. If you do not know, call a law enforcement agency where you live.

- If the computer belongs to a company, notify the security office of the company.
- Contact Dell customer service to report the missing computer. Provide the computer Service Tag, the case number, and the name, address, and phone number of the law enforcement agency to which you reported the missing computer. If possible, give the name of the investigating officer.

The Dell customer service representative will log your report under the computer Service Tag and record the computer as missing or stolen. If someone calls Dell for technical assistance and gives your Service Tag, the computer is identified automatically as missing or stolen. The representative will attempt to get the phone number and address of the caller. Dell will then contact the law enforcement agency to which you reported the missing computer.

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Troubleshooting

Dell Diagnostics

CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

When to Use the Dell Diagnostics

If you experience a problem with your computer, perform the checks in "Lockups and Software Problems" on page 97 and run the Dell Diagnostics before you contact Dell for technical assistance.

NOTICE: The Dell Diagnostics works only on Dell computers.

NOTE: The *Drivers and Utilities* CD is optional and may not ship with your computer.

Start the Dell Diagnostics from either your hard drive or from the *Drivers and Utilities* CD (also known as the *ResourceCD*).

Starting the Dell Diagnostics From Your Hard Drive

The Dell Diagnostics is located on a hidden diagnostic utility partition on your hard drive.

NOTE: If your computer cannot display a screen image, contact Dell. See "Contacting Dell" on page 141.

1 Shut down the computer.

2 Connect the computer to an electrical outlet.

3 Diagnostics can be invoked one of two ways:

   a Turn on the computer. When the DELL™ logo appears, press <F12> immediately. Select **Diagnostics** from the boot menu and press <Enter>.

   NOTE: If you wait too long and the operating system logo appears, continue to wait until you see the Microsoft® Windows® desktop. Then shut down your computer and try again.

   b Press and hold the <Fn> key while powering the system on.

   NOTE: If you see a message stating that no diagnostics utility partition has been found, run the Dell Diagnostics from the *Drivers and Utilities CD*.

The computer runs the Pre-boot System Assessment, a series of initial tests of your system board, keyboard, hard drive, and display.

- During the assessment, answer any questions that appear.
- If a failure is detected, the computer stops and beeps. To stop the assessment and restart the computer, press <n>; to continue to the next test, press <y>; to retest the component that failed, press <r>.
- If failures are detected during the Pre-boot System Assessment, write down the error code(s) and contact Dell.

If the Pre-boot System Assessment completes successfully, you receive the message `Booting Dell Diagnostic Utility Partition. Press any key to continue`.

4 Press any key to start the Dell Diagnostics from the diagnostics utility partition on your hard drive.

Starting the Dell Diagnostics From the Drivers and Utilities CD

1 Insert the *Drivers and Utilities* CD.

2 Shut down and restart the computer.

When the DELL logo appears, press <F12> immediately.

If you wait too long and the Windows logo appears, continue to wait until you see the Windows desktop. Then shut down your computer and try again.

 NOTE: The next steps change the boot sequence for one time only. On the next start-up, the computer boots according to the devices specified in the system setup program.

3 When the boot device list appears, highlight **CD/DVD/CD-RW Drive** and press <Enter>.

4 Select the **Boot from CD-ROM** option from the menu that appears and press <Enter>.

5 Type `1` to start the *ResourceCD* menu and press <Enter> to proceed.

6 Select **Run the 32 Bit Dell Diagnostics** from the numbered list. If multiple versions are listed, select the version appropriate for your computer.

7 When the Dell Diagnostics **Main Menu** appears, select the test you want to run.

Dell Diagnostics Main Menu

1 After the Dell Diagnostics loads and the **Main Menu** screen appears, click the button for the option you want.

Option	Function
Express Test	Performs a quick test of devices. This test typically takes 10 to 20 minutes and requires no interaction on your part. Run **Express Test** first to increase the possibility of tracing the problem quickly.

Option	Function
Extended Test	Performs a thorough check of devices. This test typically takes 1 hour or more and requires you to answer questions periodically.
Custom Test	Tests a specific device. You can customize the tests you want to run.
Symptom Tree	Lists the most common symptoms encountered and allows you to select a test based on the symptom of the problem you are having.

2 If a problem is encountered during a test, a message appears with an error code and a description of the problem. Write down the error code and problem description and follow the instructions on the screen.

If you cannot resolve the error condition, contact Dell. See "Contacting Dell" on page 141.

 NOTE: The Service Tag for your computer is located at the top of each test screen. If you contact Dell, technical support will ask for your Service Tag.

3 If you run a test from the **Custom Test** or **Symptom Tree** option, click the applicable tab described in the following table for more information.

Tab	Function
Results	Displays the results of the test and any error conditions encountered.
Errors	Displays error conditions encountered, error codes, and the problem description.
Help	Describes the test and may indicate requirements for running the test.
Configuration	Displays your hardware configuration for the selected device. The Dell Diagnostics obtains configuration information for all devices from the system setup program, memory, and various internal tests, and it displays the information in the device list in the left pane of the screen. The device list may not display the names of all the components installed on your computer or all devices attached to your computer.
Parameters	Allows you to customize the test by changing the test settings.

4 When the tests are completed, if you are running the Dell Diagnostics from the *Drivers and Utilities* CD, remove the CD.

5 When the tests are completed, close the test screen to return to the **Main Menu** screen. To exit the Dell Diagnostics and restart the computer, close the **Main Menu** screen.

Dell Support Utility

The Dell Support Utility is installed on your computer and available from the Dell Support icon on the taskbar or from the **Start** button. Use this support utility for self-support information, software updates, and health scans of your computing environment.

Accessing the Dell Support Utility

Access the Dell Support Utility from the Dell Support icon on the taskbar or from the **Start** menu.

If the Dell Support icon does not appear in your taskbar:

1 Click the **Start** button and point to **Programs**.

2 Click **Dell Support** and point to **Dell Support Settings**.

3 Ensure that the **Show icon on the taskbar** option is checked.

NOTE: If the Dell Support Utility is not available from the **Start** menu, go to **support.dell.com** and download the software.

The Dell Support Utility is customized for your computing environment.

The Dell Support icon in the taskbar functions differently when you click, double-click, or right-click the icon.

Clicking the Dell Support Icon

Click or right-click the icon to perform the following tasks:

- Check your computing environment
- View the Dell Support Utility settings
- Access the help file for the Dell Support Utility
- View frequently asked questions
- Learn more about the Dell Support Utility
- Turn the Dell Support Utility off

Double-Clicking the Dell Support Icon

Double-click the icon to manually check your computing environment, view frequently asked questions, access the help file for the Dell Support Utility, and view Dell Support settings.

For more information about the Dell Support Utility, click the question mark (**?**) at the top of the Dell Support screen.

Drive Problems

CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

ENSURE THAT MICROSOFT® WINDOWS® RECOGNIZES THE DRIVE — Click the **Start** button and click **My Computer**. If the floppy, CD, or DVD drive, is not listed, perform a full scan with your antivirus software to check for and remove viruses. Viruses can sometimes prevent Windows from recognizing the drive.

TEST THE DRIVE —

- Insert another floppy disk, CD, or DVD to eliminate the possibility that the original one is defective.
- Insert a bootable floppy disk and restart the computer.

CLEAN THE DRIVE OR DISK — See "Cleaning Your Computer" on page 173.

ENSURE THAT THE CD IS SNAPPED ONTO THE SPINDLE

CHECK THE CABLE CONNECTIONS

CHECK FOR HARDWARE INCOMPATIBILITIES — See "Resolving Software and Hardware Incompatibilities" on page 108.

RUN THE DELL DIAGNOSTICS — See "Dell Diagnostics" on page 85.

CD and DVD drive problems

NOTE: High-speed CD or DVD drive vibration is normal and may cause noise, which does not indicate a defect in the drive or the CD or DVD.

NOTE: Because of different regions worldwide and different disc formats, not all DVD titles work in all DVD drives.

Problems writing to a CD/DVD-RW drive

CLOSE OTHER PROGRAMS — The CD/DVD-RW drive must receive a steady stream of data when writing. If the stream is interrupted, an error occurs. Try closing all programs before you write to the CD/DVD-RW.

TURN OFF STANDBY MODE IN WINDOWS BEFORE WRITING TO A CD/DVD-RW DISC — See "Power Management Modes" on page 41 for information on standby mode.

CHANGE THE WRITE SPEED TO A SLOWER RATE — See the help files for your CD or DVD creation software.

If you cannot eject the CD, CD-RW, DVD, or DVD+RW drive tray

1. Ensure that the computer is shut down.
2. Straighten a paper clip and insert one end into the eject hole at the front of the drive; push firmly until the tray is partially ejected.
3. Gently pull out the tray until it stops.

If you hear an unfamiliar scraping or grinding sound

- Ensure that the sound is not caused by the program that is running.
- Ensure that the disk or disc is inserted properly.

Hard drive problems

ALLOW THE COMPUTER TO COOL BEFORE TURNING IT ON — A hot hard drive may prevent the operating system from starting. Try allowing the computer to return to room temperature before turning it on.

RUN CHECK DISK —

1. Click the **Start** button and click **My Computer**.
2. Right-click **Local Disk C:**.
3. Click **Properties**.
4. Click the **Tools** tab.
5. Under **Error-checking**, click **Check Now**.
6. Click **Scan for and attempt recovery of bad sectors**.
7. Click **Start**.

E-Mail, Modem, and Internet Problems

CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

NOTE: Connect the modem to an analog telephone jack only. The modem does not operate while it is connected to a digital telephone network.

CHECK THE MICROSOFT OUTLOOK® EXPRESS SECURITY SETTINGS — If you cannot open your e-mail attachments:

1. In Outlook Express, click **Tools**, click **Options**, and then click **Security**.
2. Click **Do not allow attachments** to remove the checkmark.

CHECK THE TELEPHONE LINE CONNECTION

CHECK THE TELEPHONE JACK

CONNECT THE MODEM DIRECTLY TO THE TELEPHONE WALL JACK

USE A DIFFERENT TELEPHONE LINE—

- Verify that the telephone line is connected to the jack on the modem. (The jack has either a green label or a connector-shaped icon next to it.)
- Ensure that you hear a click when you insert the telephone line connector into the modem.
- Disconnect the telephone line from the modem and connect it to a telephone. Listen for a dial tone.

- If you have other telephone devices sharing the line, such as an answering machine, fax machine, surge protector, or line splitter, then bypass them and connect the modem directly to the telephone wall jack. If you are using a line that is 3 m (10 ft) or more in length, try a shorter one.

RUN THE MODEM HELPER DIAGNOSTICS — Click the **Start** button, point to **Programs** and then click **Modem Helper**. Follow the instructions on the screen to identify and resolve modem problems. (Modem Helper is not available on certain computers.)

VERIFY THAT THE MODEM IS COMMUNICATING WITH WINDOWS —

1. Click the **Start** button and click **Control Panel**.
2. Click **Printers and Other Hardware**.
3. Click **Phone and Modem Options**.
4. Click the **Modems** tab.
5. Click the COM port for your modem.
6. Click **Properties**, click the **Diagnostics** tab, and then click **Query Modem** to verify that the modem is communicating with Windows.

   If all commands receive responses, the modem is operating properly.

ENSURE THAT YOU ARE CONNECTED TO THE INTERNET — Ensure that you have subscribed to an Internet provider. With the Outlook Express e-mail program open, click **File**. If **Work Offline** has a checkmark next to it, click the checkmark to remove it and connect to the Internet. For help, contact your Internet service provider.

SCAN THE COMPUTER FOR SPYWARE — If you are experiencing slow computer performance, you frequently receive pop-up advertisements, or you are having problems connecting to the Internet, your computer might be infected with spyware. Use an anti-virus program that includes anti-spyware protection (your program may require an upgrade) to scan the computer and remove spyware. For more information, go to **support.dell.com** and search for the keyword *spyware*.

Error Messages

CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

If the message is not listed, see the documentation for the operating system or the program that was running when the message appeared.

AUXILIARY DEVICE FAILURE — The touch pad, track stick, or external mouse may be faulty. For an external mouse, check the cable connection. Enable the **Pointing Device** option in the system setup program (see "Using the System Setup Program" on page 171). If the problem persists, contact Dell. See "Contacting Dell" on page 141.

BAD COMMAND OR FILE NAME — Ensure that you have spelled the command correctly, put spaces in the proper place, and used the correct pathname.

CACHE DISABLED DUE TO FAILURE — The primary cache internal to the microprocessor has failed. Contact Dell. See "Contacting Dell" on page 141.

CD DRIVE CONTROLLER FAILURE — The CD drive does not respond to commands from the computer. See "Drive Problems" on page 89.

DATA ERROR — The hard drive cannot read the data. See "Drive Problems" on page 89.

DECREASING AVAILABLE MEMORY — One or more memory modules may be faulty or improperly seated. Reinstall the memory modules and, if necessary, replace them. See "Memory" on page 119.

DISK C: FAILED INITIALIZATION — The hard drive failed initialization. Run the hard drive tests in the Dell Diagnostics. See "Dell Diagnostics" on page 85.

DRIVE NOT READY — The operation requires a hard drive in the bay before it can continue. Install a hard drive in the hard drive bay. See "Hard Drive" on page 116.

ERROR READING PCMCIA CARD — The computer cannot identify the ExpressCard. Reinsert the card or try another card. See "ExpressCards" on page 71.

EXTENDED MEMORY SIZE HAS CHANGED — The amount of memory recorded in NVRAM does not match the memory installed in the computer. Restart the computer. If the error appears again, contact Dell. See "Contacting Dell" on page 141.

THE FILE BEING COPIED IS TOO LARGE FOR THE DESTINATION DRIVE — The file that you are trying to copy is too large to fit on the disk, or the disk is too full. Try copying the file to a different disk or use a larger capacity disk.

A FILENAME CANNOT CONTAIN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERS: \ / : * ? " < > | — Do not use these characters in filenames.

GATE A20 FAILURE — A memory module may be loose. Reinstall the memory modules and, if necessary, replace them. See "Memory" on page 119.

GENERAL FAILURE — The operating system is unable to carry out the command. The message is usually followed by specific information—for example, `Printer out of paper`. Take the appropriate action.

HARD-DISK DRIVE CONFIGURATION ERROR — The computer cannot identify the drive type. Shut down the computer, remove the hard drive (see "Hard Drive" on page 116), and boot the computer from a CD. Then shut down the computer, reinstall the hard drive, and restart the computer. Run the Hard-Disk Drive tests in the Dell Diagnostics (see page 85).

HARD-DISK DRIVE CONTROLLER FAILURE 0 — The hard drive does not respond to commands from the computer. Shut down the computer, remove the hard drive (see "Hard Drive" on page 116), and boot the computer from a CD. Then shut down the computer, reinstall the hard drive, and restart the computer. If the problem persists, try another drive. Run the Hard-Disk Drive tests in the Dell Diagnostics (see page 85).

HARD-DISK DRIVE FAILURE — The hard drive does not respond to commands from the computer. Shut down the computer, remove the hard drive (see "Hard Drive" on page 116), and boot the computer from a CD. Then shut down the computer, reinstall the hard drive, and restart the computer. If the problem persists, try another drive. Run the Hard-Disk Drive tests in the Dell Diagnostics (see page 85).

HARD-DISK DRIVE READ FAILURE — The hard drive may be defective. Shut down the computer, remove the hard drive (see "Hard Drive" on page 116), and boot the computer from a CD. Then shut down the computer, reinstall the hard drive, and restart the computer. If the problem persists, try another drive. Run the Hard-Disk Drive tests in the Dell Diagnostics (see page 85).

INSERT BOOTABLE MEDIA — The operating system is trying to boot to a nonbootable CD. Insert a bootable CD.

INVALID CONFIGURATION INFORMATION-PLEASE RUN SYSTEM SETUP PROGRAM — The system configuration information does not match the hardware configuration. The message is most likely to occur after a memory module is installed. Correct the appropriate options in the system setup program (see "Using the System Setup Program" on page 171).

KEYBOARD CLOCK LINE FAILURE — For external keyboards, check the cable connection. Run the Keyboard Controller test in the Dell Diagnostics (see page 85).

KEYBOARD CONTROLLER FAILURE — For external keyboards, check the cable connection. Restart the computer, and avoid touching the keyboard or the mouse during the boot routine. Run the Keyboard Controller test in the Dell Diagnostics (see page 85).

KEYBOARD DATA LINE FAILURE — For external keyboards, check the cable connection. Run the Keyboard Controller test in the Dell Diagnostics (see page 85).

KEYBOARD STUCK KEY FAILURE — For external keyboards or keypads, check the cable connection. Restart the computer, and avoid touching the keyboard or keys during the boot routine. Run the Stuck Key test in the Dell Diagnostics (see page 85).

LICENSED CONTENT IS NOT ACCESSIBLE IN MEDIADIRECT — Dell MediaDirect™ cannot verify the Digital Rights Management (DRM) restrictions on the file, so the file cannot be played. See "Dell MediaDirect™ problems" on page 98.

MEMORY ADDRESS LINE FAILURE AT ADDRESS, READ VALUE EXPECTING VALUE — A memory module may be faulty or improperly seated. Reinstall the memory modules and, if necessary, replace them (see "Memory" on page 119).

MEMORY ALLOCATION ERROR — The software you are attempting to run is conflicting with the operating system, another program, or a utility. Shut down the computer, wait 30 seconds, and then restart it. Try to run the program again. If the error message still appears, see the software documentation.

MEMORY DATA LINE FAILURE AT ADDRESS, READ VALUE EXPECTING VALUE — A memory module may be faulty or improperly seated. Reinstall the memory modules and, if necessary, replace them (see "Memory" on page 119).

MEMORY DOUBLE WORD LOGIC FAILURE AT ADDRESS, READ VALUE EXPECTING VALUE — A memory module may be faulty or improperly seated. Reinstall the memory modules and, if necessary, replace them (see "Memory" on page 119).

MEMORY ODD/EVEN LOGIC FAILURE AT ADDRESS, READ VALUE EXPECTING VALUE — A memory module may be faulty or improperly seated. Reinstall the memory modules and, if necessary, replace them (see "Memory" on page 119).

MEMORY WRITE/READ FAILURE AT ADDRESS, READ VALUE EXPECTING VALUE — A memory module may be faulty or improperly seated. Reinstall the memory modules and, if necessary, replace them (see "Memory" on page 119).

NO BOOT DEVICE AVAILABLE — The computer cannot find the hard drive. If the hard drive is your boot device, ensure that the drive is installed, properly seated, and partitioned as a boot device.

NO BOOT SECTOR ON HARD DRIVE — The operating system may be corrupted. Contact Dell. See "Contacting Dell" on page 141.

NO TIMER TICK INTERRUPT — A chip on the system board may be malfunctioning. Run the System Set tests in the Dell Diagnostics (see page 85).

NOT ENOUGH MEMORY OR RESOURCES. EXIT SOME PROGRAMS AND TRY AGAIN — You have too many programs open. Close all windows and open the program that you want to use.

OPERATING SYSTEM NOT FOUND — Reinstall the hard drive (see "Hard Drive" on page 116). If the problem persists, contact Dell. See "Contacting Dell" on page 141.

OPTIONAL ROM BAD CHECKSUM — The optional ROM apparently failed. Contact Dell. See "Contacting Dell" on page 141.

A REQUIRED .DLL FILE WAS NOT FOUND — The program that you are trying to open is missing an essential file. Remove and then reinstall the program.

1 Click the **Start** button and click **Control Panel**.
2 Click **Add or Remove Programs**.
3 Select the program you want to remove.
4 Click **Remove** or **Change/Remove** and follow the prompts on the screen.
5 See the program documentation for installation instructions.

SECTOR NOT FOUND — The operating system cannot locate a sector on the hard drive. You may have a defective sector or corrupted FAT on the hard drive. Run the Windows error-checking utility to check the file structure on the hard drive. See the Windows Help and Support Center for instructions. To access the Help and Support Center, see "Windows Help and Support Center" on page 13. If a large number of sectors are defective, back up the data (if possible), and then reformat the hard drive.

SEEK ERROR — The operating system cannot find a specific track on the hard drive.

SHUTDOWN FAILURE — A chip on the system board may be malfunctioning. Run the System Set tests in the Dell Diagnostics (see page 85).

TIME-OF-DAY CLOCK LOST POWER — System configuration settings are corrupted. Connect your computer to an electrical outlet to charge the battery. If the problem persists, try to restore the data by entering the system setup program. Then immediately exit the program. See "Using the System Setup Program" on page 171. If the message reappears, contact Dell. See "Contacting Dell" on page 141.

TIME-OF-DAY CLOCK STOPPED — The reserve battery that supports the system configuration settings may require recharging. Connect your computer to an electrical outlet to charge the battery. If the problem persists, contact Dell. See "Contacting Dell" on page 141.

TIME-OF-DAY NOT SET-PLEASE RUN THE SYSTEM SETUP PROGRAM — The time or date stored in the system setup program does not match the system clock. Correct the settings for the **Date** and **Time** options. See "Using the System Setup Program" on page 171.

TIMER CHIP COUNTER 2 FAILED — A chip on the system board may be malfunctioning. Run the System Set tests in the Dell Diagnostics (see page 85).

UNEXPECTED INTERRUPT IN PROTECTED MODE — The keyboard controller may be malfunctioning, or a memory module may be loose. Run the System Memory tests and the Keyboard Controller test in the Dell Diagnostics (see page 85).

X:\ IS NOT ACCESSIBLE. THE DEVICE IS NOT READY — Insert a disk into the drive and try again.

WARNING: BATTERY IS CRITICALLY LOW — The battery is running out of charge. Replace the battery, or connect the computer to an electrical outlet. Otherwise, activate hibernate mode or shut down the computer.

ExpressCard Problems

CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

CHECK THE EXPRESSCARD — Ensure that the ExpressCard is properly inserted into the connector.

ENSURE THAT THE CARD IS RECOGNIZED BY WINDOWS — Double-click the **Safely Remove Hardware** icon in the Windows taskbar. Ensure that the card is listed.

IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS WITH A DELL-PROVIDED EXPRESSCARD — Contact Dell. See "Contacting Dell" on page 141. Also, for Mobile Broadband (WWAN) ExpressCards, see "For information about troubleshooting wireless local area networks, see "Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN)" on page 76." on page 99.

IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS WITH AN EXPRESSCARD NOT PROVIDED BY DELL — Contact the ExpressCard manufacturer.

IEEE 1394 Device Problems

CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

ENSURE THAT THE IEEE 1394 DEVICE IS RECOGNIZED BY WINDOWS —

1 Click the **Start** button and click **Control Panel**.

2 Click **Printers and Other Hardware**.

   If your IEEE 1394 device is listed, Windows recognizes the device.

IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS WITH A DELL-PROVIDED IEEE 1394 DEVICE — Contact Dell or the IEEE 1394 device manufacturer. See "Contacting Dell" on page 141.

IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS WITH AN IEEE 1394 DEVICE NOT PROVIDED BY DELL — Contact Dell or the IEEE 1394 device manufacturer. See "Contacting Dell" on page 141.

ENSURE THAT THE IEEE 1394 DEVICE IS PROPERLY INSERTED INTO THE CONNECTOR

Keyboard Problems

CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

NOTE: Use the integrated keyboard when running the Dell Diagnostics or the system setup program. When you attach an external keyboard, the integrated keyboard remains fully functional.

External Keyboard problems

NOTE: When you attach an external keyboard, the integrated keyboard remains fully functional.

CHECK THE KEYBOARD CABLE — Shut down the computer. Disconnect the keyboard cable and check it for damage, and firmly reconnect the cable.

If you are using a keyboard extension cable, disconnect it and connect the keyboard directly to the computer.

CHECK THE EXTERNAL KEYBOARD —

1. Shut down the computer, wait 1 minute, and turn it on again.
2. Verify that the numbers, capitals, and scroll lock lights on the keyboard blink during the boot routine.
3. From the Windows desktop, click the **Start** button, point to **Programs**→ **Accessories**, and then click **Notepad**.
4. Type some characters on the external keyboard and verify that they appear on the display.

   If you cannot verify these steps, you may have a defective external keyboard.

TO VERIFY THAT THE PROBLEM IS WITH THE EXTERNAL KEYBOARD, CHECK THE INTEGRATED KEYBOARD —

1. Shut down the computer.
2. Disconnect the external keyboard.
3. Turn on the computer.
4. From the Windows desktop, click the **Start** button, point to **Programs**→ **Accessories**, and click **Notepad**.
5. Type some characters on the internal keyboard and verify that they appear on the display.

   If the characters appear now but did not with the external keyboard, you may have a defective external keyboard. Contact Dell. See "Contacting Dell" on page 141.

RUN THE KEYBOARD DIAGNOSTICS TESTS — Run the PC-AT Compatible Keyboards tests in the Dell Diagnostics (see page 85). If the tests indicate a defective external keyboard, contact Dell. See "Contacting Dell" on page 141.

Unexpected characters

DISABLE THE NUMERIC KEYPAD — Press <Num Lk> to disable the numeric keypad if numbers are displayed instead of letters. Verify that the numbers lock light is not lit.

Lockups and Software Problems

CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

The computer does not start up

ENSURE THAT THE AC ADAPTER IS FIRMLY CONNECTED TO THE COMPUTER AND TO THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET

The computer stops responding

NOTICE: You might lose data if you are unable to perform an operating system shutdown.

TURN THE COMPUTER OFF — If you are unable to get a response by pressing a key on your keyboard or moving your mouse, press and hold the power button for at least 8 to 10 seconds until the computer turns off. Then restart your computer.

A program stops responding or crashes repeatedly

END THE PROGRAM —

1 Press <Crtl><Shift><Esc> simultaneously.

2 Click the **Applications** tab and select the program that is no longer responding.

3 Click **End Task**.

NOTE: The chkdsk program may run when you restart the computer. Follow the instructions on the screen.

CHECK THE SOFTWARE DOCUMENTATION — If necessary, uninstall and then reinstall the program. Software usually includes installation instructions in its documentation or on a floppy disk or CD.

A program is designed for an earlier Microsoft® Windows® operating system

RUN THE PROGRAM COMPATIBILITY WIZARD — The Program Compatibility Wizard configures a program so it runs in an environment similar to non-Windows XP operating system environments.

1 Click the **Start** button, point to **Programs**→ **Accessories**, and then click **Program Compatibility Wizard**.

2 In the welcome screen, click **Next**.

3 Follow the instructions on the screen.

A solid blue screen appears

TURN THE COMPUTER OFF — If you are unable to get a response by pressing a key on your keyboard or moving your mouse, press and hold the power button for at least 8 to 10 seconds until the computer turns off. Then restart your computer.

Dell MediaDirect™ problems

CHECK THE DELL MEDIADIRECT HELP FILE FOR INFORMATION — Click the question mark icon at the bottom of the Dell MediaDirect screen to access Help.

TO PLAY MOVIES WITH DELL MEDIADIRECT, YOU MUST HAVE A DVD DRIVE AND THE DELL DVD PLAYER — If you purchased a DVD drive with your computer, this software should already be installed.

VIDEO QUALITY PROBLEMS — Turn off the **Use Hardware Acceleration** option. This feature takes advantage of the special processing in some graphics cards to reduce processor requirements when playing DVDs and certain types of video files.

CANNOT PLAY SOME MEDIA FILES — Because Dell MediaDirect provides access to media files outside the Windows XP operating system environment, access to licensed content is restricted. Licensed content is digital content that has Digital Rights Management (DRM) applied to it. The Dell MediaDirect environment cannot verify the DRM restrictions, so the licensed files cannot be played. Licensed music and video files have a lock icon next to them. You can access licensed files in the Windows XP operating system environment.

ADJUSTING THE COLOR SETTINGS FOR MOVIES THAT CONTAIN SCENES THAT ARE TOO DARK OR TOO BRIGHT —

Click **EagleVision** to use a video enhancement technology that detects video content and dynamically adjusts the brightness/contrast/saturation ratios.

NOTICE: You cannot reinstall the Dell MediaDirect feature if you voluntarily reformat the hard drive. Contact Dell for assistance. See "Contacting Dell" on page 141.

Other software problems

CHECK THE SOFTWARE DOCUMENTATION OR CONTACT THE SOFTWARE MANUFACTURER FOR TROUBLESHOOTING INFORMATION —

- Ensure that the program is compatible with the operating system installed on your computer.
- Ensure that your computer meets the minimum hardware requirements needed to run the software. See the software documentation for information.
- Ensure that the program is installed and configured properly.
- Verify that the device drivers do not conflict with the program.
- If necessary, uninstall and then reinstall the program.

BACK UP YOUR FILES IMMEDIATELY

USE A VIRUS-SCANNING PROGRAM TO CHECK THE HARD DRIVE, FLOPPY DISKS, OR CDS

SAVE AND CLOSE ANY OPEN FILES OR PROGRAMS AND SHUT DOWN YOUR COMPUTER THROUGH THE Start MENU

SCAN THE COMPUTER FOR SPYWARE — If you are experiencing slow computer performance, you frequently receive pop-up advertisements, or you are having problems connecting to the Internet, your computer might be infected with spyware. Use an anti-virus program that includes anti-spyware protection (your program may require an upgrade) to scan the computer and remove spyware. For more information, go to **support.dell.com** and search for the keyword *spyware*.

Run the Dell Diagnostics — If all tests run successfully, the error condition is related to a software problem. See "Dell Diagnostics" on page 85.

Memory Problems

CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

If you receive an insufficient memory message —

- Save and close any open files and exit any open programs you are not using to see if that resolves the problem.
- See the software documentation for minimum memory requirements. If necessary, install additional memory (see "Memory" on page 119).
- Reseat the memory modules to ensure that your computer is successfully communicating with the memory (see "Memory" on page 119).
- Run the Dell Diagnostics (see page 85).

If you experience other memory problems —

- Reseat the memory modules to ensure that your computer is successfully communicating with the memory (see "Memory" on page 119).
- Ensure that you are following the memory installation guidelines (see "Memory" on page 119).
- Run the Dell Diagnostics (see page 85).

Network Problems

CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

Check the network cable connector — Ensure that the network cable is firmly inserted into both the network connector on the back of the computer and the network wall connector.

Check the network lights on the network connector — No light indicates that no network communication exists. Replace the network cable.

Restart the computer and log on to the network again

Check your network settings — Contact your network administrator or the person who set up your network to verify that your network settings are correct and that the network is functioning.

Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN)

For information about troubleshooting wireless local area networks, see "Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN)" on page 76.

Mobile Broadband (Wireless Wide Area Network)

NOTE: The Dell Mobile Broadband Card Utility user's guide and the Mobile Broadband ExpressCard user's guide are available through the Windows Help and Support Center. To access the Help and Support Center, see "Windows Help and Support Center" on page 13. You can also download the Dell Mobile Broadband Card Utility user's guide from **support.dell.com**.

NOTE: Remove any network cables from the computer and disable the WLAN card. To disable the WLAN card, click **Start**→ **Connect To**→ **Wireless Network Connection**→ **Disable**.

NOTE: The icon will appear in the notification area if the computer has a Dell Mobile Broadband (wireless wide area network [WWAN]) device installed. Double-click the icon to launch the utility.

ACTIVATE THE MOBILE BROADBAND EXPRESSCARD — You must activate the Mobile Broadband ExpressCard before you can connect to the network. Position the mouse over the icon in the notification area to verify the status of the connection. If the card is not activated, follow the card activation instructions located within the Dell Mobile Broadband Card Utility. To access the utility, double-click the icon located in the taskbar, at the lower-right corner of your screen. If your ExpressCard is not a Dell-branded card, see the manufacturer's instructions for your card.

CHECK NETWORK CONNECTION STATUS IN DELL MOBILE BROADBAND CARD UTILITY — Double-click the icon to launch the Dell Mobile Broadband Card Utility. Check the status in the main window:

- **No card detected** — Restart the computer, and launch the Dell Mobile Broadband Card Utility again.
- **Check your WWAN service** — Contact your cellular service provider to verify your plan coverage and supported services.

Power Problems

CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

CHECK THE POWER LIGHT — When the power light is lit or blinking, the computer has power. If the power light is blinking, the computer is in standby mode—press the power button to exit standby mode. If the light is off, press the power button to turn on the computer.

NOTE: For information on standby mode, see "Power Management Modes" on page 41.

CHARGE THE BATTERY — The battery charge may be depleted.

1. Reinstall the battery.
2. Use the AC adapter to connect the computer to an electrical outlet.
3. Turn on the computer.

NOTE: Battery operating time (the time the battery can hold a charge) decreases over time. Depending on how often the battery is used and the conditions under which it is used, you may need to purchase a new battery during the life of your computer.

CHECK THE BATTERY STATUS LIGHT — If the battery status light flashes orange or is a steady orange the battery charge is low or depleted. Connect the computer to an electrical outlet.

If the battery status light flashes green and orange, the battery is too hot to charge. Shut down the computer, disconnect the computer from the electrical outlet, and then let the battery and computer cool to room temperature.

If the battery status light rapidly flashes orange, the battery may be defective. Contact Dell. See "Contacting Dell" on page 141.

CHECK THE BATTERY TEMPERATURE — If the battery temperature is below 0°C (32°F), the computer will not start up.

TEST THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET — Ensure that the electrical outlet is working by testing it with another device, such as a lamp.

CHECK THE AC ADAPTER — Check the AC adapter cable connections. If the AC adapter has a light, ensure that the light is on.

CONNECT THE COMPUTER DIRECTLY TO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET — Bypass power protection devices, power strips, and the extension cable to verify that the computer turns on.

ELIMINATE POSSIBLE INTERFERENCE — Turn off nearby fans, fluorescent lights, halogen lamps, or other appliances.

ADJUST THE POWER PROPERTIES — See "Power Management Modes" on page 41.

RESEAT THE MEMORY MODULES — If the computer power light turns on but the display remains blank, reinstall the memory modules (see "Memory" on page 119).

Ensuring Sufficient Power for Your Computer

Your computer is designed to use the 65-W AC adapter that shipped with your computer; for optimum system performance, you should always use this adapter.

Printer Problems

CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

NOTE: If you need technical assistance for your printer, contact the printer's manufacturer.

ENSURE THAT THE PRINTER IS TURNED ON

CHECK THE PRINTER CABLE CONNECTIONS —

- See the printer documentation for cable connection information.
- Ensure that the printer cables are securely connected to the printer and the computer.

TEST THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET — Ensure that the electrical outlet is working by testing it with another device, such as a lamp.

VERIFY THAT THE PRINTER IS RECOGNIZED BY WINDOWS —

1. Click the **Start** button, click **Control Panel**, and then click **Printers and Other Hardware**.
2. Click **View installed printers or fax printers**.

   If the printer is listed, right-click the printer icon.
3. Click **Properties** and click the **Ports** tab. For a parallel printer, ensure that the **Print to the following port(s):** setting is **LPT1 (Printer Port)**. For a USB printer, ensure that the **Print to the following port(s):** setting is **USB**.

REINSTALL THE PRINTER DRIVER — See the printer documentation for instructions.

Scanner Problems

CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

NOTE: If you need technical assistance for your scanner, contact the scanner's manufacturer.

CHECK THE PRINTER DOCUMENTATION — See the printer documentation for setup and troubleshooting information.

CHECK THE SCANNER DOCUMENTATION — See the scanner documentation for setup and troubleshooting information.

UNLOCK THE SCANNER — Ensure that your scanner is unlocked if it has a locking tab or button.

RESTART THE COMPUTER AND TRY THE SCANNER AGAIN

CHECK THE CABLE CONNECTIONS —

- See the scanner documentation for cable connection information.
- Ensure that the scanner cables are securely connected to the scanner and the computer.

VERIFY THAT THE SCANNER IS RECOGNIZED BY MICROSOFT WINDOWS —

1. Click the **Start** button, click **Control Panel**, and then click **Printers and Other Hardware**.
2. Click **Scanners and Cameras**.

   If your scanner is listed, Windows recognizes the scanner.

REINSTALL THE SCANNER DRIVER — See the scanner documentation for instructions.

Sound and Speaker Problems

CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

No sound from integrated speakers

ADJUST THE WINDOWS VOLUME CONTROL — Double-click the speaker icon in the lower-right corner of your screen. Ensure that the volume is turned up and that the sound is not muted. Adjust the volume, bass, or treble controls to eliminate distortion.

REINSTALL THE SOUND (AUDIO) DRIVER — See "Reinstalling Drivers and Utilities" on page 106.

No sound from external speakers

ENSURE THAT THE SUBWOOFER AND THE SPEAKERS ARE TURNED ON — See the setup diagram supplied with the speakers. If your speakers have volume controls, adjust the volume, bass, or treble to eliminate distortion.

ADJUST THE WINDOWS VOLUME CONTROL — Click or double-click the speaker icon in the lower-right corner of your screen. Ensure that the volume is turned up and that the sound is not muted.

DISCONNECT HEADPHONES FROM THE HEADPHONE CONNECTOR — Sound from the speakers is automatically disabled when headphones are connected to the computer's front-panel headphone connector.

TEST THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET — Ensure that the electrical outlet is working by testing it with another device, such as a lamp.

ELIMINATE POSSIBLE INTERFERENCE — Turn off nearby fans, fluorescent lights, or halogen lamps to check for interference.

REINSTALL THE AUDIO DRIVER — See "Reinstalling Drivers and Utilities" on page 106.

RUN THE DELL DIAGNOSTICS — See "Dell Diagnostics" on page 85.

NOTE: The volume control in some MP3 players overrides the Windows volume setting. If you have been listening to MP3 songs, ensure that you did not turn the player volume down or off.

No sound from headphones

CHECK THE HEADPHONE CABLE CONNECTION — Ensure that the headphone cable is securely inserted into the headphone connector (see page 22).

ADJUST THE WINDOWS VOLUME CONTROL — Click or double-click the speaker icon in the lower-right corner of your screen. Ensure that the volume is turned up and that the sound is not muted.

Touch Pad or Mouse Problems

CHECK THE TOUCH PAD SETTINGS —

1. Click the **Start** button, click **Control Panel**, and then click **Printers and Other Hardware**.
2. Click **Mouse**.
3. Try adjusting the settings.

CHECK THE MOUSE CABLE — Shut down the computer. Disconnect the mouse cable, check it for damage, and firmly reconnect the cable.

If you are using a mouse extension cable, disconnect it and connect the mouse directly to the computer.

TO VERIFY THAT THE PROBLEM IS WITH THE MOUSE, CHECK THE TOUCH PAD —

1. Shut down the computer.
2. Disconnect the mouse.
3. Turn on the computer.
4. At the Windows desktop, use the touch pad to move the cursor around, select an icon, and open it.

   If the touch pad operates correctly, the mouse may be defective.

REINSTALL THE TOUCH PAD DRIVER — See "Reinstalling Drivers and Utilities" on page 106.

Video and Display Problems

CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

If the display is blank

NOTE: If you are using a program that requires a higher resolution than your computer supports, it is recommended that you attach an external monitor to your computer.

CHECK THE BATTERY — If you are using a battery to power your computer, the battery charge may be depleted. Connect the computer to an electrical outlet using the AC adapter, and turn on the computer.

TEST THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET — Ensure that the electrical outlet is working by testing it with another device, such as a lamp.

CHECK THE AC ADAPTER — Check the AC adapter cable connections. If the AC adapter has a light, ensure that the light is on.

CONNECT THE COMPUTER DIRECTLY TO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET — Bypass power protection devices, power strips, and the extension cable to verify that the computer turns on.

ADJUST THE POWER PROPERTIES — Search for the keyword *standby* in the Windows Help and Support Center. To access the Help and Support Center, see "Windows Help and Support Center" on page 13.

SWITCH THE VIDEO IMAGE — If your computer is attached to an external monitor, press <Fn><F8> to switch the video image to the display.

If the display is difficult to read

ADJUST THE BRIGHTNESS — Press <Fn> and the up- or down-arrow key.

MOVE THE EXTERNAL SUBWOOFER AWAY FROM THE COMPUTER OR MONITOR — If your external speaker system includes a subwoofer, ensure that the subwoofer is at least 60 cm (2 ft) away from the computer or external monitor.

ELIMINATE POSSIBLE INTERFERENCE — Turn off nearby fans, fluorescent lights, halogen lamps, or other appliances.

ROTATE THE COMPUTER TO FACE A DIFFERENT DIRECTION — Eliminate sunlight glare, which can cause poor picture quality.

ADJUST THE WINDOWS DISPLAY SETTINGS —

1 Click the **Start** button and then click **Control Panel**.
2 Click **Appearance and Themes**.
3 Click the area you want to change or click the **Display** icon.
4 Try different settings for **Color quality** and **Screen resolution**.

SEE "ERROR MESSAGES" — If an error message appears, see "Error Messages" on page 91.

If only part of the display is readable

CONNECT AN EXTERNAL MONITOR —

1 Shut down your computer and connect an external monitor to the computer.
2 Turn on the computer and the monitor, and adjust the monitor brightness and contrast controls.

If the external monitor works, the computer display or video controller may be defective. Contact Dell. See "Contacting Dell" on page 141.

Drivers

What Is a Driver?

A driver is a program that controls a device such as a printer, mouse, or keyboard. All devices require a driver program.

A driver acts like a translator between the device and any other programs that use the device. Each device has its own set of specialized commands that only its driver recognizes.

Dell ships your computer to you with required drivers already installed—no further installation or configuration is needed.

NOTICE: The *Drivers and Utilities* CD may contain drivers for operating systems that are not on your computer. Ensure that you are installing software appropriate for your operating system.

Many drivers, such as the keyboard driver, come with your Microsoft® Windows® operating system. You may need to install drivers if you:

- Upgrade your operating system.
- Reinstall your operating system.
- Connect or install a new device.

Identifying Drivers

If you experience a problem with any device, identify whether the driver is the source of your problem and, if necessary, update the driver.

1 Click the **Start** button and click **Control Panel**.
2 Under **Pick a Category**, click **Performance and Maintenance**.

3 Click **System**.

4 In the **System Properties** window, click the **Hardware** tab.

5 Click **Device Manager**.

6 Scroll down the list to see if any device has an exclamation point (a yellow circle with a [!]) on the device icon.

If an exclamation point is next to the device name, you may need to reinstall the driver or install a new driver. See "Reinstalling Drivers and Utilities" on page 106.

Reinstalling Drivers and Utilities

NOTICE: The Dell Support website at **support.dell.com** and your *Drivers and Utilities* CD provide approved drivers for Dell™ computers. If you install drivers obtained from other sources, your computer might not work correctly.

NOTE: The *Drivers and Utilities* CD is optional and may not ship with your computer.

Using Windows XP Device Driver Rollback

If a problem occurs on your computer after you install or update a driver, use Windows XP Device Driver Rollback to replace the driver with the previously installed version.

1 Click the **Start** button and click **Control Panel**.

2 Under **Pick a Category**, click **Performance and Maintenance**.

3 Click **System**.

4 In the **System Properties** window, click the **Hardware** tab.

5 Click **Device Manager**.

6 Right-click the device for which the new driver was installed and click **Properties**.

7 Click the **Drivers** tab.

8 Click **Roll Back Driver**.

If Device Driver Rollback does not resolve the problem, then use System Restore (see "Using Microsoft Windows XP System Restore" on page 108) to return your computer to the operating state that existed before you installed the new driver.

Using the Drivers and Utilities CD

NOTE: The *Drivers and Utilities* CD is optional and may not ship with your computer.

If using Device Driver Rollback or System Restore does not resolve the problem, then reinstall the driver from the *Drivers and Utilities* CD.

1 Save and close any open files, and exit any open programs.

2 Insert the *Drivers and Utilities* CD.

In most cases, the CD starts running automatically. If it does not, start Windows Explorer, click your CD drive directory to display the CD contents, and then double-click the **autorcd.exe** file. The first

time that you run the CD, it might prompt you to install setup files. Click **OK**, and follow the instructions on the screen to continue.

3 From the **Language** drop-down menu in the toolbar, select your preferred language for the driver or utility (if available). A welcome screen appears.

4 Click **Next**.

   The CD automatically scans your hardware to detect drivers and utilities used by your computer.

5 After the CD completes the hardware scan, you can also detect other drivers and utilities. Under **Search Criteria**, select the appropriate categories from the **System Model**, **Operating System**, and **Topic** drop-down menus.

   A link or links appear(s) for the specific drivers and utilities used by your computer.

6 Click the link of a specific driver or utility to display information about the driver or utility that you want to install.

7 Click the **Install** button (if present) to begin installing the driver or utility. At the welcome screen, follow the screen prompts to complete the installation.

   If no **Install** button is present, automatic installation is not an option. For installation instructions, either see the appropriate instructions in the following subsections, or click **Extract**, follow the extracting instructions, and then read the readme file.

   If instructed to navigate to the driver files, click the CD directory on the driver information window to display the files associated with that driver.

Manually Reinstalling Drivers

NOTE: If your computer has an infrared sensor and you are reinstalling an infrared sensor driver, you must first enable the infrared sensor in the system setup program (see "Using the System Setup Program" on page 171) before continuing with the driver installation. See "Reinstalling Drivers and Utilities" on page 106. For information about components installed on your computer, see "Determining Your Computer's Configuration" on page 15.

1 After extracting the driver files to your hard drive as described in the previous section, click the **Start** button and right-click **My Computer**.

2 Click **Properties**.

3 Click the **Hardware** tab and click **Device Manager**.

4 Double-click the type of device for which you are installing the driver (for example, **Modems** or **Infrared devices**).

5 Double-click the name of the device for which you are installing the driver.

6 Click the **Driver** tab and click **Update Driver**.

7 Click **Install from a list or specific location (Advanced)** and click **Next**.

8 Click **Browse** and browse to the location to which you previously copied the driver files.

9 When the name of the appropriate driver appears, click **Next**.

10 Click **Finish** and restart your computer.

Resolving Software and Hardware Incompatibilities

If a device is either not detected during the operating system setup or is detected but incorrectly configured, you can use the Hardware Troubleshooter to resolve the incompatibility.

To start the Hardware Troubleshooter:

1 Click the **Start** button and click **Help and Support**.

2 Type `hardware troubleshooter` in the **Search** field and click the arrow to start the search.

3 Click **Hardware Troubleshooter** in the **Search Results** list.

4 In the **Hardware Troubleshooter** list, click **I need to resolve a hardware conflict on my computer**, and click **Next**.

Restoring Your Operating System

You can restore your operating system in the following ways:

- Microsoft® Windows® XP System Restore returns your computer to an earlier operating state without affecting data files. Use System Restore as the first solution for restoring your operating system and preserving data files. For instructions, see "Using Microsoft Windows XP System Restore" on page 108.
- Dell PC Restore by Symantec restores your hard drive to the operating state it was in when you purchased the computer. Dell PC Restore permanently deletes all data on the hard drive and removes any applications installed after you received the computer. Use PC Restore only if System Restore did not resolve your operating system problem. For instructions, see "Using Dell PC Restore by Symantec" on page 110.
- If you received an *Operating System* CD with your computer, you can use it to restore your operating system. However, using the *Operating System* CD also deletes all data on the hard drive. Use the CD *only* if System Restore did not resolve your operating system problem. For instructions, see "Using the Operating System CD" on page 112.

Using Microsoft Windows XP System Restore

The Microsoft Windows XP operating system provides System Restore to allow you to return your computer to an earlier operating state (without affecting data files) if changes to the hardware, software, or other system settings have left the computer in an undesirable operating state. See the Windows Help and Support Center for additional information on using System Restore. To access help, see "Windows Help and Support Center" on page 13.

NOTICE: Make regular backups of your data files. System Restore does not monitor your data files or recover them.

NOTE: The procedures in this document were written for the Windows default view, so they may not apply if you set your Dell™ computer to the Windows Classic view.

Creating a Restore Point

1. Click the **Start** button and click **Help and Support**.
2. Click the task for **System Restore**.
3. Follow the instructions on the screen.

Restoring the Computer to an Earlier Operating State

If problems occur after you install a device driver, use Device Driver Rollback (see page 106) to resolve the problem. If that is unsuccessful, then use System Restore.

NOTICE: Before you restore the computer to an earlier operating state, save and close any open files and exit any open programs. Do not alter, open, or delete any files or programs until the system restoration is complete.

1. Click the **Start** button, point to **Programs**→ **Accessories**→ **System Tools**, and then click **System Restore**.
2. Ensure that **Restore my computer to an earlier time** is selected and click **Next**.
3. Click a calendar date to which you want to restore your computer.

   The **Select a Restore Point** screen provides a calendar that allows you to see and select restore points. All calendar dates with available restore points appear in boldface type.

4. Select a restore point and click **Next**.

   If a calendar date has only one restore point, then that restore point is automatically selected. If two or more restore points are available, click the restore point that you prefer.

5. Click **Next**.

   The **Restoration Complete** screen appears after System Restore finishes collecting data and then the computer restarts.

6. After the computer restarts, click **OK**.

To change the restore point, you can either repeat the steps using a different restore point, or you can undo the restoration.

Undoing the Last System Restore

NOTICE: Before you undo the last system restore, save and close all open files and exit any open programs. Do not alter, open, or delete any files or programs until the system restoration is complete.

1. Click the **Start** button, point to **Programs**→ **Accessories**→ **System Tools**, and then click **System Restore**.
2. Click **Undo my last restoration** and click **Next**.

Enabling System Restore

If you reinstall Windows XP with less than 200 MB of free hard-disk space available, System Restore is automatically disabled. To see if System Restore is enabled:

1 Click the **Start** button and click **Control Panel**.
2 Click **Performance and Maintenance**.
3 Click **System**.
4 Click the **System Restore** tab.
5 Ensure that **Turn off System Restore** is unchecked.

Using Dell PC Restore by Symantec

NOTICE: Using Dell PC Restore permanently deletes all data on the hard drive and removes any application programs or drivers installed after you received your computer. If possible, back up the data before using PC Restore. Use PC Restore only if System Restore (see "Using Microsoft Windows XP System Restore" on page 108) did not resolve your operating system problem.

NOTE: Dell PC Restore by Symantec may not be available in certain countries nor on certain computers.

Use Dell PC Restore by Symantec only as the last method to restore your operating system. PC Restore restores your hard drive to the operating state it was in when you purchased the computer. Any programs or files added since you received your computer—including data files—are permanently deleted from the hard drive. Data files include documents, spreadsheets, e-mail messages, digital photos, music files, and so on. If possible, back up all data before using PC Restore.

To use PC Restore:

1 Turn on the computer.

   During the boot process, a blue bar with **www.dell.com** appears at the top of the screen.

2 Immediately upon seeing the blue bar, press <Ctrl><F11>.

   If you do not press <Ctrl><F11> in time, let the computer finish starting, and then restart the computer again.

NOTICE: If you do not want to proceed with PC Restore, click **Reboot** in the following step.

3 On the next screen that appears, click **Restore**.
4 On the next screen, click **Confirm**.

   The restore process takes approximately 6–10 minutes to complete.

5 When prompted, click **Finish** to reboot the computer.

   NOTE: Do not manually shut down the computer. Click **Finish** and let the computer completely reboot.

6 When prompted, click **Yes**.

The computer restarts. Because the computer is restored to its original operating state, the screens that appear, such as the End User License Agreement, are the same ones that appeared the first time the computer was turned on.

7 Click **Next**.

The **System Restore** screen appears and the computer restarts.

8 After the computer restarts, click **OK**.

Removing Dell PC Restore

NOTICE: Removing Dell PC Restore from the hard drive permanently deletes the PC Restore utility from your computer. After you have removed Dell PC Restore, you will not be able to use it to restore your computer's operating system.

Dell PC Restore enables you to restore your hard drive to the operating state it was in when you purchased your computer. It is recommended that you *do not* remove PC Restore from your computer, even to gain additional hard-drive space. If you remove PC Restore from the hard drive, you cannot ever recall it, and you will never be able to use PC Restore to return your computer's operating system to its original state.

To remove PC Restore:

1 Log on to the computer as a local administrator.

2 In Windows Explorer, go to **c:\dell\utilities\DSR**.

3 Double-click the filename **DSRIRRemv2.exe**.

NOTE: If you do not log on as a local administrator, a message appears stating that you must log on as administrator. Click **Quit**, and then log on as a local administrator.

NOTE: If the partition for PC Restore does not exist on your computer's hard drive, a message appears stating that the partition was not found. Click **Quit**; there is no partition to delete.

4 Click **OK** to remove the PC Restore partition on the hard drive.

5 Click **Yes** when a confirmation message appears.

The PC Restore partition is deleted and the newly available disk space is added to the free space allocation on the hard drive.

6 Right-click **Local Disk (C)** in Windows Explorer, click **Properties**, and verify that the additional disk space is available as indicated by the increased value for **Free Space**.

7 Click **Finish** to close the **PC Restore Removal** window.

8 Restart the computer.

Using the Operating System CD

Before You Begin

If you are considering reinstalling the Windows XP operating system to correct a problem with a newly installed driver, first try using Windows XP Device Driver Rollback (see page 106). If Device Driver Rollback does not resolve the problem, then use System Restore to return your operating system to the operating state it was in before you installed the new device driver. See "Using Microsoft Windows XP System Restore" on page 108.

To reinstall Windows XP, you need the following items:

- Dell™ *Operating System* CD
- Dell *Drivers and Utilities* CD

NOTE: The *Drivers and Utilities* CD contains drivers that were installed during assembly of the computer. Use the *Drivers and Utilities* CD to load any required drivers. Depending on the region from where you ordered your computer, or whether you requested the CDs, the *Drivers and Utilities* CD and *Operating System* CD may not ship with your computer.

Reinstalling Windows XP

The reinstallation process can take 1 to 2 hours to complete. After you reinstall the operating system, you must also reinstall the device drivers, virus protection program, and other software.

NOTICE: The *Operating System* CD provides options for reinstalling Windows XP. The options can overwrite files and possibly affect programs installed on your hard drive. Therefore, do not reinstall Windows XP unless a Dell technical support representative instructs you to do so.

NOTICE: To prevent conflicts with Windows XP, disable any virus protection software installed on your computer before you reinstall Windows XP. See the documentation that came with the software for instructions.

1. Save and close any open files and exit any open programs.
2. Insert the *Operating System* CD. Click **Exit** if the `Install Windows XP` message appears.
3. Restart the computer.
4. Press <F2> immediately after the DELL™ logo appears.

   If the operating system logo appears, wait until you see the Windows desktop, and then shut down the computer and try again.

5. Press the arrow keys to select **CD-ROM**, and press <Enter>.
6. When the `Press any key to boot from CD` message appears, press any key.
7. When the **Windows XP Setup** screen appears, press <Enter>.
8. Follow the instructions on the screen to complete the reinstallation.
9. When the operating system reinstallation completes, reinstall drivers and application programs as necessary. See "Reinstalling Drivers and Utilities" on page 106.

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Adding and Replacing Parts

Before You Begin

This section provides procedures for removing and installing the components in your computer. Unless otherwise noted, each procedure assumes that the following conditions exist:

- You have performed the steps in "Turning Off Your Computer" (see this page) and "Before Working Inside Your Computer" (see page 114).
- You have read the safety information in your Dell™ *Product Information Guide*.
- A component can be replaced—or if purchased separately—installed by performing the removal procedure in reverse order.

Recommended Tools

The procedures in this document may require the following tools:

- Small flat-blade screwdriver
- Phillips screwdriver
- Small plastic scribe
- Flash BIOS update program CD

Turning Off Your Computer

NOTICE: To avoid losing data, save and close any open files and exit any open programs before you turn off your computer.

1 Shut down the operating system:

  Save and close any open files, exit any open programs, click **Start→ Shut Down→ Shut down**.

  The computer turns off after the operating system shutdown process finishes.

2 Ensure that the computer and any attached devices are turned off. If your computer and attached devices did not automatically turn off when you shut down your operating system, press and hold the power button for several seconds until the computer turns off.

Before Working Inside Your Computer

Use the following safety guidelines to help protect your computer from potential damage and to help ensure your own personal safety.

CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

NOTICE: Handle components and cards with care. Do not touch the components or contacts on a card. Hold a card by its edges or by its metal mounting bracket. Hold a component such as a processor by its edges, not by its pins.

NOTICE: Only a certified service technician should perform repairs on your computer. Damage due to servicing that is not authorized by Dell is not covered by your warranty.

NOTICE: When you disconnect a cable, pull on its connector or on its pull-tab, not on the cable itself. Some cables have a connector with locking tabs; if you are disconnecting this type of cable, press in on the locking tabs before you disconnect the cable. As you pull connectors apart, keep them evenly aligned to avoid bending any connector pins. Also, before you connect a cable, ensure that both connectors are correctly oriented and aligned.

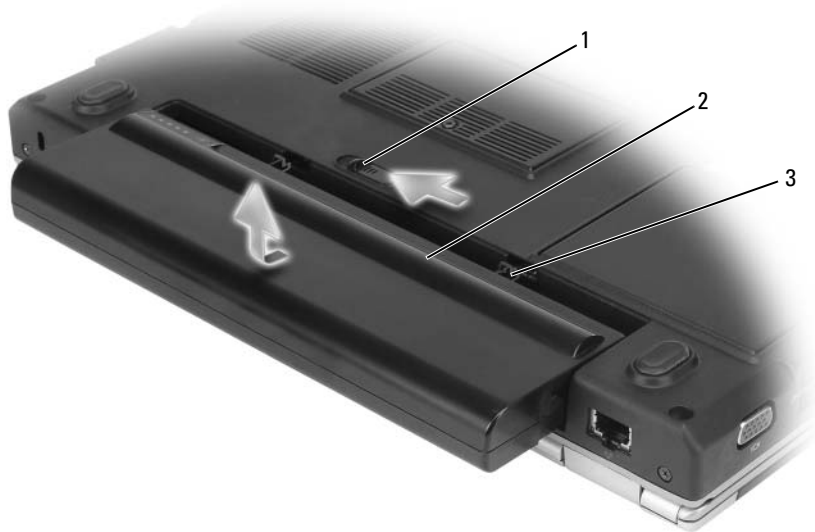
NOTICE: To help prevent damage to the computer, perform the following steps before you begin working inside the computer.

1. Ensure that the work surface is flat and clean to prevent the computer cover from being scratched.
2. Turn off your computer. See "Turning Off Your Computer" on page 113.
3. If the computer is connected to a docking device (docked), undock it. See the documentation that came with your docking device.

NOTICE: To disconnect a network cable, first unplug the cable from your computer and then unplug it from the network device.

4. Disconnect all telephone or network cables from the computer.
5. Close the display and turn the computer upside-down on a flat work surface.
6. Disconnect your computer and all attached devices from their electrical outlets,

NOTICE: To help prevent damage to the system board, remove the main battery from the battery bay before you service the computer.

7. Remove the main battery:
   a. Slide the battery-bay latch release on the bottom of the computer until it clicks.
   b. Slide the battery out toward the back of the computer and lift to remove the battery from the bay.

1	battery-bay latch release	2	battery (9-cell battery shown)	3	battery tabs (2)

NOTE: To replace the battery, follow the removal procedure in reverse order. When you are replacing the battery, ensure that you properly insert the two battery tabs into the corresponding slots in the base of the computer.

8 Press the power button to ground the system board.

9 Remove any installed ExpressCard from the ExpressCard slot.

10 Remove any media from the optical drive, if installed.

11 Remove the hard drive (see "Hard Drive" on page 116).

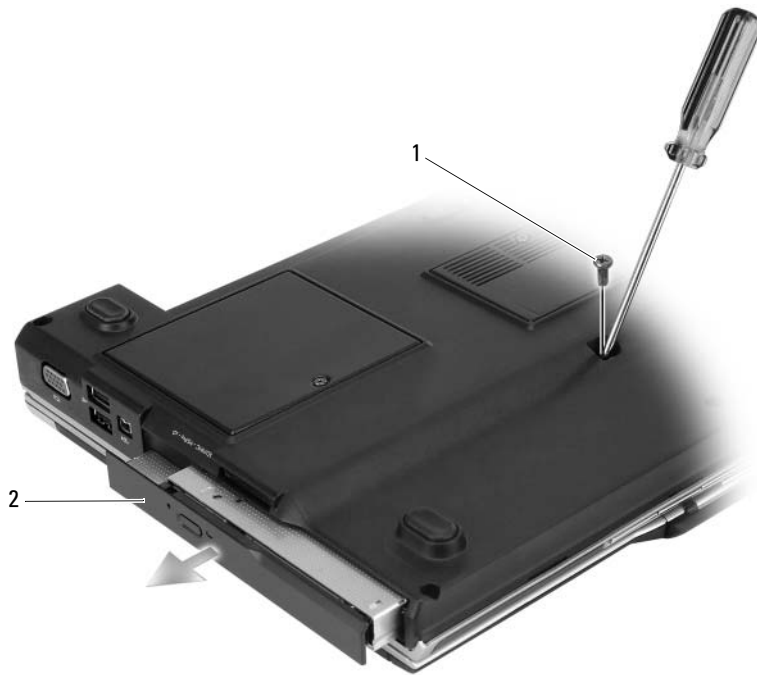
Optical Drive

CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

1 Turn the computer upside-down.

2 Remove the optical-drive locking screw.

3 Insert a scribe into the notch by the screw hole and push the scribe toward the optical drive bay to release the optical drive from the bay.

4 Slide the drive out of the bay.

1	optical-drive locking screw	2	optical drive

Hard Drive

CAUTION: If you remove the hard drive from the computer when the drive is hot, *do not touch* the metal housing of the hard drive.

CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

NOTICE: To prevent data loss, turn off your computer (see "Turning Off Your Computer" on page 113) before removing the hard drive. Do not remove the hard drive while the computer is on, in standby mode, or in hibernate mode.

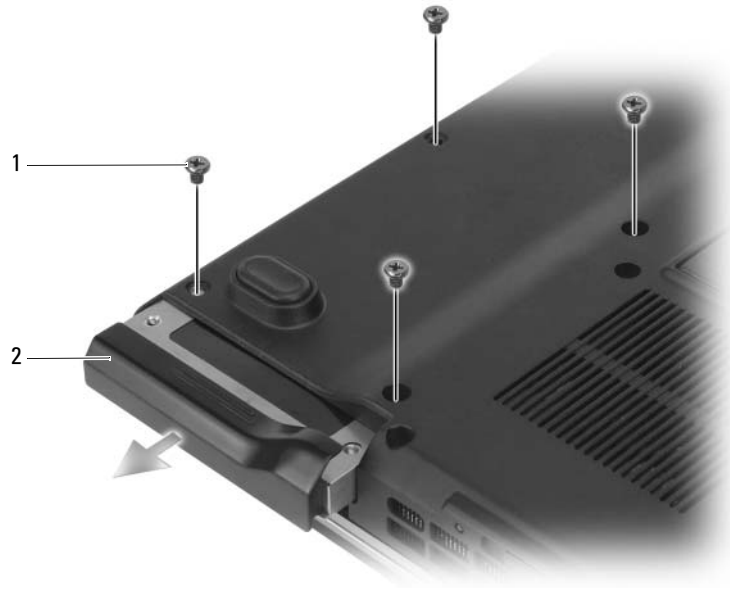
NOTICE: Hard drives are extremely fragile; even a slight bump can damage the drive.

NOTE: Dell does not guarantee compatibility or provide support for hard drives from sources other than Dell.

NOTE: If you are installing a hard drive from a source other than Dell, you need to install an operating system, drivers, and utilities on the new hard drive (see "Restoring Your Operating System" on page 108 and "Reinstalling Drivers and Utilities" on page 106).

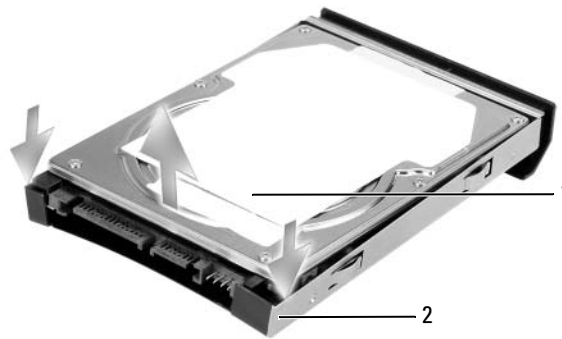
To replace the hard drive in the hard drive bay:

1 Follow the procedures in "Before You Begin" on page 113.

2 Turn the computer upside-down and remove the four hard drive screws.

1	hard drive screws (4)	2	hard drive

NOTICE: When the hard drive is not in the computer, store it in protective antistatic packaging. See "Protecting Against Electrostatic Discharge" in the *Product Information Guide*.

3 Slide the hard drive out of the computer.

4 Remove the hard drive from the hard drive carrier by carefully bending the carrier plastics.

1	hard drive	2	hard drive carrier

5 Remove the new drive from its packaging.

Save the original packaging for storing or shipping the hard drive.

6 Place the new drive in the hard drive carrier from which you removed the original hard drive.

NOTICE: Use firm and even pressure to slide the drive into place. If you use excessive force, you may damage the connector.

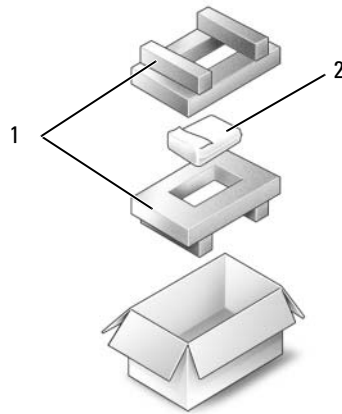
7 Slide the replacement hard drive in the carrier into the hard drive bay until it is fully seated.

8 Replace and tighten the four hard drive screws.

9 Install the operating system for your computer (see "Restoring Your Operating System" on page 108).

10 Install the drivers and utilities for your computer (see "Reinstalling Drivers and Utilities" on page 106).

Returning a Hard Drive to Dell

Return your old hard drive to Dell in its original or comparable foam packaging. Otherwise, the hard drive may be damaged in transit.

1	foam packaging	2	hard drive

Memory

 CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

You can increase your computer memory by installing memory modules on the system board. See "Specifications" on page 163 for information on the memory supported by your computer. Install only memory modules that are intended for your computer.

 NOTE: Memory modules purchased from Dell are covered under your computer warranty.

1 Follow the procedures in "Before You Begin" on page 113.

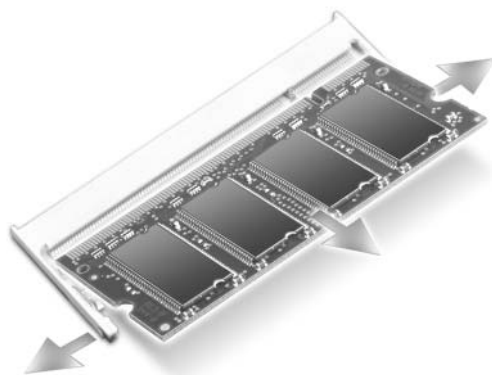
2 Turn the computer upside-down, loosen the captive screw on the memory module cover, and then remove the memory module cover.

NOTICE: To prevent damage to the memory module connector, do not use tools to spread the memory-module securing clips.

NOTICE: To avoid electrostatic discharge, ground yourself by using a wrist grounding strap or by periodically touching an unpainted metal surface (such as a connector on the back of the computer).

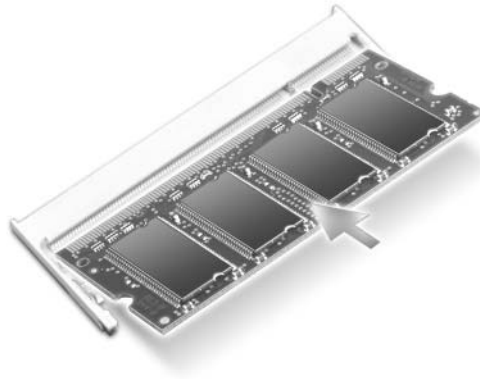
3 If you are replacing a memory module, remove the existing module:

a Use your fingertips to carefully spread apart the securing clips on each end of the memory module connector until the module pops up.

b Remove the module from the connector.

NOTE: If the memory module is not installed properly, the computer may not boot properly. No error message indicates this failure.

4 Ground yourself and install the new memory module:

  a Align the notch in the module edge connector with the tab in the connector slot.

  b Slide the module firmly into the slot at a 45-degree angle, and rotate the module down until it clicks into place. If you do not feel the click, remove the module and reinstall it.

5 Replace the memory module cover and fasten the captive screw on the cover.

NOTICE: If the cover is difficult to close, remove the module and reinstall it. Forcing the cover to close may damage your computer.

6 Insert the battery into the battery bay, or connect the AC adapter to your computer and an electrical outlet.

7 Reinstall the hard drive (see "Hard Drive" on page 116).

8 Turn on the computer.

As the computer boots, it detects the additional memory and automatically updates the system configuration information.

To confirm the amount of memory installed in the computer, click **Start→ Help and Support→ Dell System Information**.

Hinge Cover

CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

NOTICE: To avoid electrostatic discharge, ground yourself by using a wrist grounding strap or by periodically touching an unpainted metal surface (such as a connector on the back of the computer).

NOTICE: To help prevent damage to the system board, you must remove the battery from the battery bay before you begin working inside the computer.

1 Follow the procedures in "Before You Begin" on page 113.

2 Remove the hinge cover:

   a Open the display all the way (180 degrees) so that it lies flat against your work surface.

NOTICE: To avoid damage to the hinge cover, do not lift the cover on both sides simultaneously.

   b Insert a plastic scribe into the indent to the right side of the hinge cover.

   c Ease the hinge cover up, moving from right to left, and remove it.

NOTE: When you replace the hinge cover, first insert the left edge and then press down from left to right until the cover snaps into place.

1	hinge cover	2	scribe

Keyboard

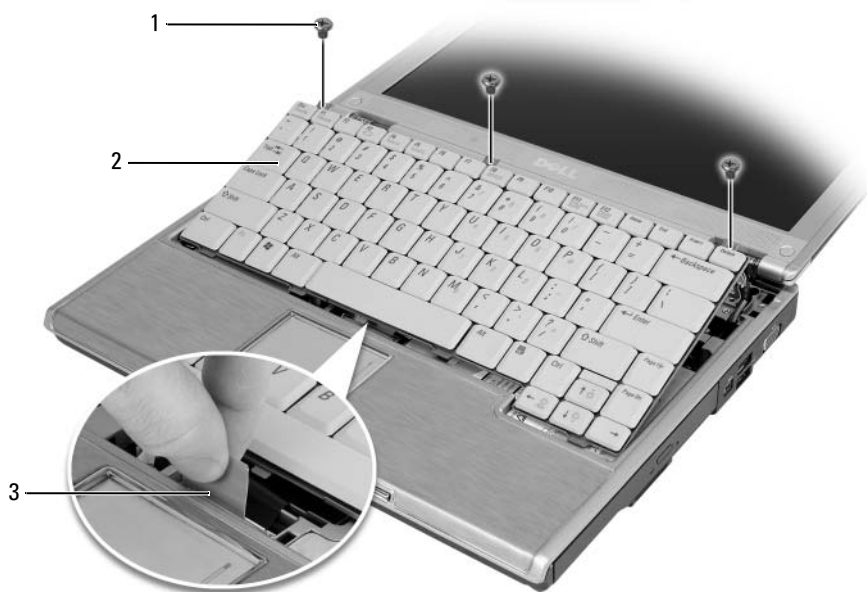
CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

NOTICE: To avoid electrostatic discharge, ground yourself by using a wrist grounding strap or by periodically touching an unpainted metal surface (such as a connector on the back of the computer).

NOTICE: To help prevent damage to the system board, you must remove the battery from the battery bay before you begin working inside the computer.

1 Follow the procedures in "Before You Begin" on page 113.
2 Open the display.
3 Remove the hinge cover (see "Hinge Cover" on page 121).
4 Remove the keyboard:
   a Remove the three screws at the top of the keyboard.

NOTICE: The keycaps on the keyboard are fragile, easily dislodged, and time-consuming to replace. Be careful when removing and handling the keyboard.

   b Lift the keyboard only enough to hold it up and slightly forward to allow access to the keyboard connector.
   c Pull on the pull-tab to release the keyboard cable from the keyboard connector on the system board.

1	screws (3)	2	keyboard	3	keyboard-connector pull-tab

NOTICE: To avoid scratching the palm rest when replacing the keyboard, hook the tabs along the front edge of the keyboard into the palm rest, and then press on the right edge near the top to snap the keyboard into place before replacing the three screws at the top of the keyboard.

WLAN Card

 CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

NOTICE: To help prevent damage to the system board, you must remove the main battery from the battery bay before you begin working inside the computer.

1. Follow the procedures in "Before You Begin" on page 113.
2. Remove the hinge cover (see "Hinge Cover" on page 121).
3. Remove the keyboard (see "Keyboard" on page 122).
4. Loosen the captive screw on the communications card cover.

5 If a WLAN card is not already installed, go to step 6. If you are replacing a WLAN card, remove the existing card:

a Disconnect the two antenna cables from the WLAN card.

1	WLAN card	2	antenna cable connectors (2)

b Release the WLAN card by pushing the metal securing tabs toward the back of the computer until the card pops up slightly.

c Lift the WLAN card out of its system board connector.

1 metal securing tabs (2)

NOTICE: The connectors are keyed to ensure correct insertion. If you feel resistance, check the connectors on the card and on the system board, and realign the card.

6 Install the replacement WLAN card:

a Insert the WLAN card connector into the system board connector at a 45-degree angle, and then press the other end of the WLAN card down into the securing tabs until the card clicks into place.

NOTICE: To avoid damage to the WLAN card, never place cables under the card.

NOTE: Your WLAN card may have two or three connectors, depending on the type of card you ordered.

NOTE: If your computer has a gray cable, connect it to the connector with the gray triangle, if one is available on your card. For more information about which cable to connect to which connector, see the documentation that came with your WLAN card.

b Connect the two antenna cables to the WLAN card—connect the black auxiliary antenna cable to the connector labeled with the black triangle, and connect the white main antenna cable to the connector labeled with the white triangle.

1	antenna cable connectors (2)	2	triangles (2)

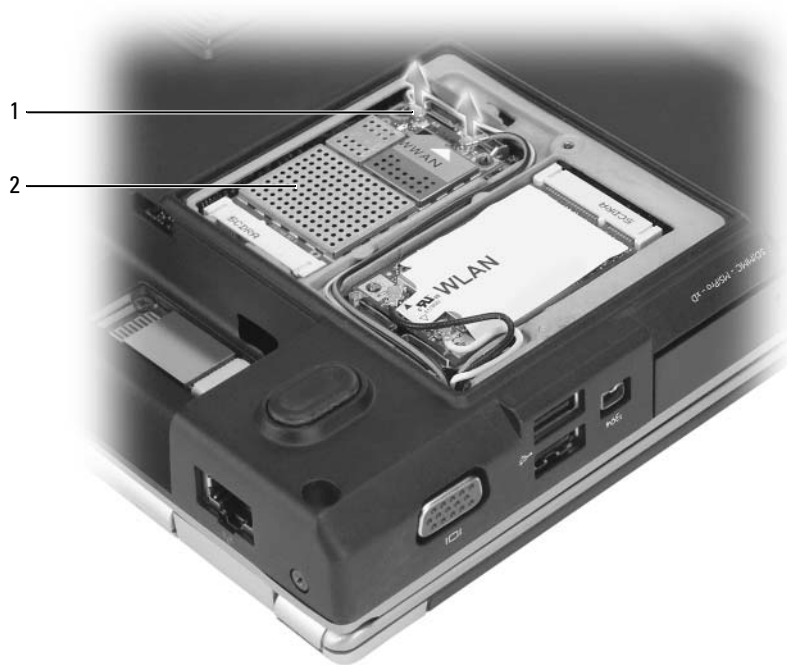
Mobile Broadband Card

CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

NOTICE: To help prevent damage to the system board, you must remove the main battery from the battery bay before you begin working inside the computer.

1. Follow the procedures in "Before You Begin" on page 113.
2. Remove the hinge cover (see "Hinge Cover" on page 121).
3. Remove the keyboard (see "Keyboard" on page 122).
4. Loosen the captive screw on the communications card cover.

5 If a Mobile Broadband card is not already installed, go to step 6. If you are replacing a Mobile Broadband card, remove the existing card:

a Disconnect the two antenna cables from the Mobile Broadband card.

1	Mobile Broadband card	2	antenna cable connectors (2)

b Release the Mobile Broadband card by pushing the metal securing tabs toward the front of the computer until the card pops up slightly.

c Lift the Mobile Broadband card out of its system board connector.

1 metal securing tabs (2)

NOTICE: The connectors are keyed to ensure correct insertion. If you feel resistance, check the connectors on the card and on the system board, and realign the card.

6 Install the replacement Mobile Broadband card:

a Insert the Mobile Broadband card connector into the system board connector at a 45-degree angle, and then press the other end of the Mobile Broadband card down into the securing tabs until the card clicks into place.

NOTICE: To avoid damage to the Mobile Broadband card, never place cables under the card.

b Connect the two antenna cables to the Mobile Broadband card (black cable to the connector labeled "AUX" and the white cable to the connector labeled "MAIN").

1	antenna cable connectors (2)

Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) Card

CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

NOTICE: To help prevent damage to the system board, you must remove the main battery from the battery bay before you begin working inside the computer.

1 Follow the procedures in "Before You Begin" on page 113.

1	battery-bay latch release	2	SIM card

NOTICE: Do not touch the SIM card connectors to protect the card from electrostatic discharge (ESD). To prevent ESD, hold the card in your hand before you insert or remove the card.

2 With the cut-off corner on the card facing away from the card slot, insert the SIM card into the slot so that it slides under the metal tabs on the sides.

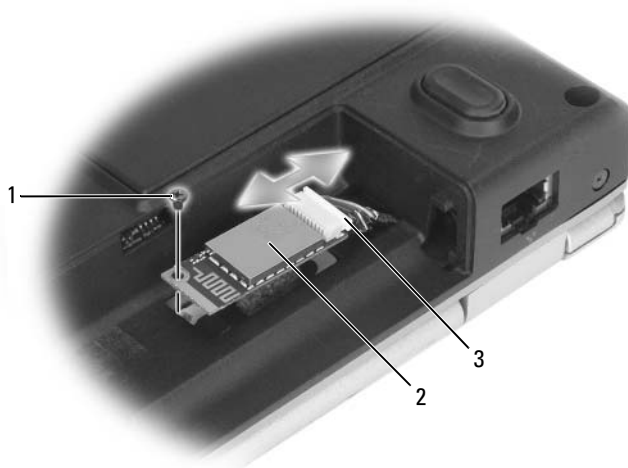
Internal Card With Bluetooth® Wireless Technology

CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions in the *Product Information Guide*.

NOTICE: To avoid electrostatic discharge, ground yourself by using a wrist grounding strap or by periodically touching an unpainted metal surface (such as a connector on the back of the computer).

If you ordered a card with Bluetooth wireless technology with your computer, it is already installed.

NOTICE: To help prevent damage to the system board, you must remove the main battery from the battery bay before you begin working inside the computer.

1. Follow the procedures in "Before You Begin" on page 113.
2. Remove the card screw.
3. Using your fingers or a plastic scribe, carefully pull the card out of the compartment so that you can disconnect the card from its cable and remove it from the computer.
4. To replace the card, connect the card to the cable and then carefully insert the card into the compartment.
5. Replace the card screw.

1	card screw	2	internal card with Bluetooth wireless technology	3	card connector

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Dell™ QuickSet

NOTE: This feature may not be available on your computer.

Dell™ QuickSet provides you with easy access to configure or view the following types of settings:

- Network connectivity
- Power management
- Display
- System information

Depending on what you want to do in Dell™ QuickSet, you can start it by either *clicking*, *double-clicking*, or *right-clicking* the QuickSet icon, , in the Microsoft® Windows® taskbar. The taskbar is located in the lower-right corner of your screen.

For more information about QuickSet, right-click the QuickSet icon and select **Help**.

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Traveling With Your Computer

Identifying Your Computer

- Attach a name tag or business card to the computer.
- Write down your Service Tag and store it in a safe place away from the computer or carrying case
- Use the Service Tag if you need to report a loss or theft to law enforcement officials and to Dell.
- Create a file on the Microsoft® Windows® desktop called **if_found**. Place information such as your name, address, and phone number in this file.
- Contact your credit card company and ask if it offers coded identification tags.

Packing the Computer

- Remove any external devices attached to the computer and store them in a safe place. Remove any cables attached to installed PC Cards, and remove any extended PC Cards ("Using Cards" on page 71).
- To make the computer as light as possible, replace any devices installed in the module bay with the Dell TravelLite™ module.
- Fully charge the main battery and any spare batteries that you plan to carry with you.
- Shut down the computer.
- Disconnect the AC adapter.

NOTICE: When the display is closed, extraneous items on the keyboard or palm rest could damage the display.

- Remove any extraneous items, such as paper clips, pens, and paper, from the keyboard and palm rest and close the display.
- Use the optional Dell™ carrying case to pack the computer and its accessories together safely.
- Avoid packing the computer with items such as shaving cream, colognes, perfumes, or food.

NOTICE: If the computer has been exposed to extreme temperatures, allow it to acclimate to room temperature for 1 hour before turning it on.

- Protect the computer, the batteries, and the hard drive from hazards such as extreme temperatures and overexposure to sunlight, dirt, dust, or liquids.
- Pack the computer so that it does not slide around in the trunk of your car or in an overhead storage compartment.

Travel Tips

NOTICE: Do not move the computer while using the optical drive to prevent loss of data.

NOTICE: Do not check the computer as baggage.

- Consider disabling wireless activity on your computer to maximize battery operating time. To disable wireless activity, use the wireless switch on the side of computer. For information on using the wireless switch, see "Dell™ Wi-Fi Catcher™ Network Locator" on page 82.
- Consider changing your power management options (see "Configuring Power Management Settings" on page 43) to maximize battery operating time.
- If you are traveling internationally, carry proof of ownership—or of your right to use the computer if it is company-owned—to speed your passage through customs. Investigate the customs regulations of the countries you plan to visit, and consider acquiring an international carnet (also known as a *merchandise passport*) from your government.
- Find out what type of electrical outlets are used in the countries you will visit, and have appropriate power adapters.
- Check with your credit card company for information about the kinds of emergency travel assistance it offers to users of portable computers.

Traveling by Air

NOTICE: Do not walk the computer through a metal detector. Send the computer through an X-ray machine or have it hand-inspected.

- Ensure that you have a charged battery available in case you are asked to turn on the computer.
- Prior to entering the airplane, verify that using a computer is permitted. Some airlines forbid the use of electronic devices during flight. All airlines forbid the use of electronic devices during takeoff and landing.

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Contacting Dell

To contact Dell electronically, you can access the following websites:

- **www.dell.com**
- **support.dell.com** (support)

For specific web addresses for your country, find the appropriate country section in the table below.

 NOTE: Toll-free numbers are for use within the country for which they are listed.

 NOTE: In certain countries, support specific to Dell™ XPS™ computers is available at a separate telephone number listed for participating countries. If you do not see a telephone number listed that is specific for XPS computers, you may contact Dell through the support number listed and your call will be routed appropriately.

When you need to contact Dell, use the electronic addresses, telephone numbers, and codes provided in the following table. If you need assistance in determining which codes to use, contact a local or an international operator.

 NOTE: The contact information provided was deemed correct at the time that this document went to print and is subject to change.

Country (City) International Access Code Country Code City Code	Department Name or Service Area, Website and E-Mail Address	Area Codes, Local Numbers, and Toll-Free Numbers
Anguilla	Website: **www.dell.com.ai**	
	E-mail: la-techsupport@dell.com	
	General Support	toll-free: 800-335-0031
Antigua and Barbuda	Website: **www.dell.com.ag**	
	E-mail: la-techsupport@dell.com	
	General Support	1-800-805-5924
Aomen	Technical Support (Dell™ Dimension™, Dell Inspiron™, Dell OptiPlex™, Dell Latitude™, and Dell Precision™)	0800-105
	Technical Support (servers and storage)	0800-105

Country (City) International Access Code Country Code City Code	Department Name or Service Area, Website and E-Mail Address	Area Codes, Local Numbers, and Toll-Free Numbers
Argentina (Buenos Aires)	Website: **www.dell.com.ar**	
International Access Code: **00**	E-mail: la-techsupport@dell.com	
Country Code: **54**	E-mail for desktop and portable computers: la-techsupport@dell.com	
City Code: **11**	E-mail for servers and EMC® storage products: la_enterprise@dell.com	
	Customer Care	toll-free: 0-800-444-0730
	Technical Support	toll-free: 0-800-444-0733
	Technical Support Services	toll-free: 0-800-444-0724
	Sales	0-810-444-3355
Aruba	Website: **www.dell.com.aw**	
	E-mail: la-techsupport@dell.com	
	General Support	toll-free: 800-1578
Australia (Sydney)	Website: support.ap.dell.com	
International Access Code: **0011**	E-mail: support.ap.dell.com/contactus	
Country Code: **61**	Technical Support (XPS)	toll-free: 1300 790 877
City Code: **2**	General Support	13DELL-133355
Austria (Vienna)	Website: **support.euro.dell.com**	
International Access Code: **900**	E-mail: tech_support_central_europe@dell.com	
Country Code: **43**	Home/Small Business Sales	0820 240 530 00
City Code: **1**	Home/Small Business Fax	0820 240 530 49
	Home/Small Business Customer Care	0820 240 530 14
	Preferred Accounts/Corporate Customer Care	0820 240 530 16
	Support for XPS	0820 240 530 81
	Home/Small Business Support for all other Dell computers	0820 240 530 17
	Preferred Accounts/Corporate Support	0820 240 530 17
	Switchboard	0820 240 530 00
Bahamas	Website: **www.dell.com.bs**	
	E-mail: la-techsupport@dell.com	
	General Support	toll-free: 1-866-874-3038

Country (City) **International Access Code** **Country Code** **City Code**	**Department Name or Service Area, Website and E-Mail Address**	**Area Codes, Local Numbers, and Toll-Free Numbers**
Barbados	Website: www.dell.com/bb	
	E-mail: la-techsupport@dell.com	
	General Support	1-800-534-3142
Belgium (Brussels)	Website: **support.euro.dell.com**	
International Access Code: **00**	Tech Support for XPS	02 481 92 96
Country Code: **32**	Tech Support for all other Dell computers	02 481 92 88
City Code: **2**	Tech Support Fax	02 481 92 95
	Customer Care	02 713 15 65
	Corporate Sales	02 481 91 00
	Fax	02 481 92 99
	Switchboard	02 481 91 00
Bermuda	Website: www.dell.com/bm	
	E-mail: la-techsupport@dell.com	
	General Support	1-877-890-0751
Bolivia	Website: www.dell.com/bo	
	E-mail: la-techsupport@dell.com	
	General Support	toll-free: 800-10-0238
Brazil	Website: **www.dell.com/br**	
International Access Code: **00**	E-mail: BR-TechSupport@dell.com	
Country Code: **55**	Customer Care and Tech Support	0800 90 3355
City Code: **51**	Technical Support Fax	51 2104 5470
	Customer Care Fax	51 2104 5480
	Sales	0800 722 3498
British Virgin Islands	General Support	toll-free: 1-866-278-6820
Brunei	Technical Support (Penang, Malaysia)	604 633 4966
Country Code: **673**	Customer Care (Penang, Malaysia)	604 633 4888
	Transaction Sales (Penang, Malaysia)	604 633 4955

Country (City) International Access Code Country Code City Code	Department Name or Service Area, Website and E-Mail Address	Area Codes, Local Numbers, and Toll-Free Numbers
Canada (North York, Ontario)	Online Order Status: **www.dell.ca/ostatus**	
International Access Code: **011**	Website: support.ca.dell.com	
	AutoTech (automated Hardware and Warranty Support)	toll-free: 1-800-247-9362
	Customer Service (Home/Home Office)	toll-free: 1-800-847-4096
	Customer Service (small/med./large business, government)	toll-free: 1-800-387-5757
	Customer Service (printers, projectors, televisions, handhelds, digital jukebox, and wireless)	toll-free: 1-800-847-4096
	Hardware Warranty Phone Support (XPS)	toll-free: 1-866-398-8977
	Hardware Warranty Phone Support (Home/Home Office)	toll-free: 1-800-847-4096
	Hardware Warranty Phone Support (small/med./large business, government)	toll-free: 1-800-387-5757
	Hardware Warranty Phone Support (printers, projectors, televisions, handhelds, digital jukebox, and wireless)	1-877-335-5767
	Sales (Home Sales/Small Business)	toll-free: 1-800-387-5752
	Sales (med./large bus., government)	toll-free: 1-800-387-5755
	Spare Parts Sales & Extended Service Sales	1 866 440 3355
Cayman Islands	E-mail: la-techsupport@dell.com	
	General Support	1-877-262-5415
Chile (Santiago)	Website: **www.dell.com/cl**	
Country Code: **56**	E-mail: la-techsupport@dell.com	
City Code: **2**	Sales and Customer Support	toll-free: 1230-020-4823

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China (Xiamen)	Technical Support website: **support.dell.com.cn**	
Country Code: **86**	Technical Support E-mail: support.dell.com.cn/email	
City Code: **592**	Customer Care E-mail: customer_cn@dell.com	
	Technical Support Fax	592 818 1350
	Technical Support (XPS)	toll-free: 800 858 0540
	Technical Support (Dimension and Inspiron)	toll-free: 800 858 2969
	Technical Support (OptiPlex, Latitude, and Dell Precision)	toll-free: 800 858 0950
	Technical Support (servers and storage)	toll-free: 800 858 0960
	Technical Support (projectors, PDAs, switches, routers, and so on)	toll-free: 800 858 2920
	Technical Support (printers)	toll-free: 800 858 2311
	Customer Care	toll-free: 800 858 2060
	Customer Care Fax	592 818 1308
	Home and Small Business	toll-free: 800 858 2222
	Preferred Accounts Division	toll-free: 800 858 2557
	Large Corporate Accounts GCP	toll-free: 800 858 2055
	Large Corporate Accounts Key Accounts	toll-free: 800 858 2628
	Large Corporate Accounts North	toll-free: 800 858 2999
	Large Corporate Accounts North Government and Education	toll-free: 800 858 2955
	Large Corporate Accounts East	toll-free: 800 858 2020
	Large Corporate Accounts East Government and Education	toll-free: 800 858 2669
	Large Corporate Accounts Queue Team	toll-free: 800 858 2572
	Large Corporate Accounts South	toll-free: 800 858 2355
	Large Corporate Accounts West	toll-free: 800 858 2811
	Large Corporate Accounts Spare Parts	toll-free: 800 858 2621
Colombia	Website: **www.dell.com/cl**	
	E-mail: la-techsupport@dell.com	
	General Support	01-800-915-4755

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Costa Rica	Website: **www.dell.com/cr**	
	E-mail: la-techsupport@dell.com	
	General Support	0800-012-0231
Czech Republic (Prague)	Website: **support.euro.dell.com**	
International Access Code: **00**	E-mail: czech_dell@dell.com	
Country Code: **420**	Technical Support	22537 2727
	Customer Care	22537 2707
	Fax	22537 2714
	Technical Fax	22537 2728
	Switchboard	22537 2711
Denmark (Copenhagen)	Website: **support.euro.dell.com**	
International Access Code: **00**	Technical Support for XPS	7010 0074
Country Code: **45**	Technical Support for all other Dell computers	7023 0182
	Customer Care (Relational)	7023 0184
	Home/Small Business Customer Care	3287 5505
	Switchboard (Relational)	3287 1200
	Switchboard Fax (Relational)	3287 1201
	Switchboard (Home/Small Business)	3287 5000
	Switchboard Fax (Home/Small Business)	3287 5001
Dominica	Website: **www.dell.com/dm**	
	E-mail: la-techsupport@dell.com	
	General Support	toll-free: 1-866-278-6821
Dominican Republic	Website: **www.dell.com/do**	
	E-mail: la-techsupport@dell.com	
	General Support	1-800-156-1588
Ecuador	Website: **www.dell.com/ec**	
	E-mail: la-techsupport@dell.com	
	General Support (calling from Quito)	toll-free: 999-119-877-655-3355
	General Support (calling from Guayaquil)	toll-free: 1800-999-119-877-655-3355

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El Salvador	Website: **www.dell.com/ec**	
	E-mail: la-techsupport@dell.com	
	General Support	800-6132
Finland (Helsinki)	Website: **support.euro.dell.com**	
International Access Code: **990**	E-mail: fi_support@dell.com	
Country Code: **358**	Technical Support	0207 533 555
City Code: **9**	Customer Care	0207 533 538
	Switchboard	0207 533 533
	Sales under 500 employees	0207 533 540
	Fax	0207 533 530
	Sales over 500 employees	0207 533 533
	Fax	0207 533 530
France (Paris) (Montpellier)	Website: **support.euro.dell.com**	
International Access Code: **00**	**Home and Small Business**	
Country Code: **33**	Technical Support for XPS	0825 387 129
City Codes: **(1) (4)**	Technical Support for all other Dell computers	0825 387 270
	Customer Care	0825 823 833
	Switchboard	0825 004 700
	Switchboard (calls from outside of France)	04 99 75 40 00
	Sales	0825 004 700
	Fax	0825 004 701
	Fax (calls from outside of France)	04 99 75 40 01
	Corporate	
	Technical Support	0825 004 719
	Customer Care	0825 338 339
	Switchboard	01 55 94 71 00
	Sales	01 55 94 71 00
	Fax	01 55 94 71 01

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Germany (Frankfurt)	Website: **support.euro.dell.com**	
International Access Code: **00**	E-mail: tech_support_central_europe@dell.com	
Country Code: **49**	Technical Support for XPS	069 9792 7222
City Code: **69**	Technical Support for all other Dell computers	069 9792-7200
	Home/Small Business Customer Care	0180-5-224400
	Global Segment Customer Care	069 9792-7320
	Preferred Accounts Customer Care	069 9792-7320
	Large Accounts Customer Care	069 9792-7320
	Public Accounts Customer Care	069 9792-7320
	Switchboard	069 9792-7000
Greece	Website: **support.euro.dell.com**	
International Access Code: **00**	Technical Support	00800-44 14 95 18
Country Code: **30**	Gold Service Technical Support	00800-44 14 00 83
	Switchboard	2108129810
	Gold Service Switchboard	2108129811
	Sales	2108129800
	Fax	2108129812
Grenada	E-mail: la-techsupport@dell.com	
	General Support	toll-free: 1-866-540-3355
Guatemala	E-mail: la-techsupport@dell.com	
	General Support	1-800-999-0136
Guyana	E-mail: la-techsupport@dell.com	
	General Support	toll-free: 1-877-270-4609

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Hong Kong	Website: support.ap.dell.com	
International Access Code: **001**	Technical Support E-mail: support.dell.com.cn/email	
Country Code: **852**	Technical Support (XPS)	00852-3416 6923
	Technical Support (Dimension and Inspiron)	00852-2969 3188
	Technical Support (OptiPlex, Latitude, and Dell Precision)	00852-2969 3191
	Technical Support (servers and storage)	00852-2969 3196
	Technical Support (projectors, PDAs, switches, routers, and so on)	00852-3416 0906
	Customer Care	00852-3416 0910
	Large Corporate Accounts	00852-3416 0907
	Global Customer Programs	00852-3416 0908
	Medium Business Division	00852-3416 0912
	Home and Small Business Division	00852-2969 3105
India	Website: support.ap.dell.com	
	E-mail: india_support_desktop@dell.com india_support_notebook@dell.com india_support_Server@dell.com	
	Technical Support (XPS computers)	0802 506 8033 or toll-free: 1800 425 2066
	Technical Support (portables, desktops, servers, and storage)	1600338045 and 1600448046
	Sales (Large Corporate Accounts)	1600 33 8044
	Sales (Home and Small Business)	1600 33 8046

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Ireland (Cherrywood)	Website: **support.euro.dell.com**	
International Access Code: **00**	E-mail: dell_direct_support@dell.com	
Country Code: **353**	**Sales**	
City Code: **1**	Ireland Sales	01 204 4444
	Dell Outlet	1850 200 778
	Online Ordering HelpDesk	1850 200 778
	Customer Care	
	Home User Customer Care	01 204 4014
	Small Business Customer Care	01 204 4014
	Corporate Customer Care	1850 200 982
	Technical Support	
	Technical Support for XPS computers only	1850 200 722
	Technical Support for all other Dell computers	1850 543 543
	General	
	Fax/Sales Fax	01 204 0103
	Switchboard	01 204 4444
	U.K. Customer Care (dial within U.K. only)	0870 906 0010
	Corporate Customer Care (dial within U.K. only)	0870 907 4499
	U.K. Sales (dial within U.K. only)	0870 907 4000
Italy (Milan)	Website: **support.euro.dell.com**	
International Access Code: **00**	**Home and Small Business**	
Country Code: **39**	Technical Support	02 577 826 90
City Code: **02**	Customer Care	02 696 821 14
	Fax	02 696 821 13
	Switchboard	02 696 821 12
	Corporate	
	Technical Support	02 577 826 90
	Customer Care	02 577 825 55
	Fax	02 575 035 30
	Switchboard	02 577 821

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Jamaica	E-mail: la-techsupport@dell.com	
	General Support (dial from within Jamaica only)	1-800-440-9205
Japan (Kawasaki)	Website: **support.jp.dell.com**	
International Access Code: **001**	Technical Support (XPS)	toll-free: 0120-937-786
Country Code: **81**	Technical Support outside of Japan (XPS)	044-520-1235
City Code: **44**	XPS Customer Care (if ordered items are missing or have been damaged during shipment)	044-556-4240
	Technical Support (Dimension and Inspiron)	toll-free: 0120-198-226
	Technical Support outside of Japan (Dimension and Inspiron)	81-44-520-1435
	Technical Support (Dell Precision, OptiPlex, and Latitude)	toll-free: 0120-198-433
	Technical Support outside of Japan (Dell Precision, OptiPlex, and Latitude)	81-44-556-3894
	Technical Support (Dell PowerApp™, Dell PowerEdge™, Dell PowerConnect™, and Dell PowerVault™)	toll-free: 0120-198-498
	Technical Support outside of Japan (PowerApp, PowerEdge, PowerConnect, and PowerVault)	81-44-556-4162
	Technical Support (projectors, PDAs, printers, routers)	toll-free: 0120-981-690
	Technical Support outside of Japan (projectors, PDAs, printers, routers)	81-44-556-3468
	Faxbox Service	044-556-3490
	24-Hour Automated Order Status Service	044-556-3801
	Customer Care	044-556-4240
	Business Sales Division (up to 400 employees)	044-556-1465
	Preferred Accounts Division Sales (over 400 employees)	044-556-3433
	Public Sales (government agencies, educational institutions, and medical institutions)	044-556-5963
	Global Segment Japan	044-556-3469
	Individual User	044-556-1760
	Switchboard	044-556-4300

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Korea (Seoul)	E-mail: krsupport@dell.com	
International Access Code: **001**	Support	toll-free: 080-200-3800
Country Code: **82**	Technical Support (XPS)	toll-free: 080-999-0283
City Code: **2**	Support (Dimension, PDA, Electronics, and Accessories)	toll-free: 080-200-3801
	Sales	toll-free: 080-200-3600
	Fax	2194-6202
	Switchboard	2194-6000
Latin America	Customer Technical Support (Austin, Texas, U.S.A.)	512 728-4093
	Customer Service (Austin, Texas, U.S.A.)	512 728-3619
	Fax (Technical Support and Customer Service) (Austin, Texas, U.S.A.)	512 728-3883
	Sales (Austin, Texas, U.S.A.)	512 728-4397
	SalesFax (Austin, Texas, U.S.A.)	512 728-4600
		or 512 728-3772
Luxembourg	Website: **support.euro.dell.com**	
International Access Code: **00**	Support	342 08 08 075
Country Code: **352**	Home/Small Business Sales	+32 (0)2 713 15 96
	Corporate Sales	26 25 77 81
	Customer Care	+32 (0)2 481 91 19
	Fax	26 25 77 82
Macao	Technical Support	toll-free: 0800 105
Country Code: **853**	Customer Service (Xiamen, China)	34 160 910
	Transaction Sales (Xiamen, China)	29 693 115

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Malaysia (Penang)	Website: **support.ap.dell.com**	
International Access Code: **00**	Technical Support (XPS)	toll-free: 1800 885 784
Country Code: **60**	Technical Support (Dell Precision, OptiPlex, and Latitude)	toll-free: 1 800 880 193
City Code: **4**	Technical Support (Dimension, Inspiron, and Electronics and Accessories)	toll-free: 1 800 881 306
	Technical Support (PowerApp, PowerEdge, PowerConnect, and PowerVault)	toll-free: 1800 881 386
	Customer Care	toll-free: 1800 881 306 (option 6)
	Transaction Sales	toll-free: 1 800 888 202
	Corporate Sales	toll-free: 1 800 888 213
Mexico	E-mail: la-techsupport@dell.com	
International Access Code: **00**	Customer Technical Support	001-877-384-8979
Country Code: **52**		or 001-877-269-3383
	Sales	50-81-8800
		or 01-800-888-3355
	Customer Service	001-877-384-8979
		or 001-877-269-3383
	Main	50-81-8800
		or 01-800-888-3355
Montserrat	E-mail: la-techsupport@dell.com	
	General Support	toll-free: 1-866-278-6822
Netherlands Antilles	E-mail: la-techsupport@dell.com	
	General Support	001-800-882-1519

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Netherlands (Amsterdam)	Website: **support.euro.dell.com**	
International Access Code: **00**	Technical Support for XPS	020 674 45 94
Country Code: **31**	Technical Support for all other Dell computers	020 674 45 00
City Code: **20**	Technical Support Fax	020 674 47 66
	Home/Small Business Customer Care	020 674 42 00
	Relational Customer Care	020 674 4325
	Home/Small Business Sales	020 674 55 00
	Relational Sales	020 674 50 00
	Home/Small Business Sales Fax	020 674 47 75
	Relational Sales Fax	020 674 47 50
	Switchboard	020 674 50 00
	Switchboard Fax	020 674 47 50
New Zealand	Website: **support.ap.dell.com**	
International Access Code: **00**	E-mail: support.ap.dell.com/contactus	
Country Code: **64**	Technical Support (XPS)	toll-free: 0800 335 540
	General Support	0800 441 567
Nicaragua	E-mail: la-techsupport@dell.com	
	General Support	001-800-220-1377
Norway (Lysaker)	Website: **support.euro.dell.com**	
International Access Code: **00**	Technical Support for XPS	815 35 043
Country Code: **47**	Technical Support for all other Dell products	671 16882
	Relational Customer Care	671 17575
	Home/Small Business Customer Care	23162298
	Switchboard	671 16800
	Fax Switchboard	671 16865
Panama	E-mail: la-techsupport@dell.com	
	General Support	011-800-507-1264
Peru	E-mail: la-techsupport@dell.com	
	General Support	0800-50-669

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Poland (Warsaw)	Website: **support.euro.dell.com**	
International Access Code: **011**	E-mail: pl_support_tech@dell.com	
Country Code: **48**	Customer Service Phone	57 95 700
City Code: **22**	Customer Care	57 95 999
	Sales	57 95 999
	Customer Service Fax	57 95 806
	Reception Desk Fax	57 95 998
	Switchboard	57 95 999
Portugal	Website: **support.euro.dell.com**	
International Access Code: **00**	Technical Support	707200149
Country Code: **351**	Customer Care	800 300 413
	Sales	800 300 410 or 800 300 411 or 800 300 412 or 21 422 07 10
	Fax	21 424 01 12
Puerto Rico	E-mail: la-techsupport@dell.com	
	General Support	1-877-537-3355
St. Kitts and Nevis	Website: **www.dell.com/kn**	
	E-mail: la-techsupport@dell.com	
	General Support	toll-free: 1-866-540-3355
St. Lucia	Website: **www.dell.com/lc**	
	E-mail: la-techsupport@dell.com	
	General Support	toll-free: 1-866-464-4352
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	Website: **www.dell.com/vc**	
	E-mail: la-techsupport@dell.com	
	General Support	toll-free: 1-866-464-4353

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Singapore (Singapore)	**NOTE:** The phone numbers in this section should be called from within Singapore or Malaysia only.	
International Access Code: **005**	Website: **support.ap.dell.com**	
Country Code: **65**	Technical Support (XPS)	toll-free: 1800 394 7464
	Technical Support (Dimension, Inspiron, and Electronics and Accessories)	toll-free: 1 800 394 7430
	Technical Support (OptiPlex, Latitude, and Dell Precision)	toll-free: 1 800 394 7488
	Technical Support (PowerApp, PowerEdge, PowerConnect, and PowerVault)	toll-free: 1 800 394 7478
	Customer Care	toll-free: 1 800 394 7430 (option 6)
	Transaction Sales	toll-free: 1 800 394 7412
	Corporate Sales	toll-free: 1 800 394 7419
Slovakia (Prague)	Website: **support.euro.dell.com**	
International Access Code: **00**	E-mail: czech_dell@dell.com	
Country Code: **421**	Technical Support	02 5441 5727
	Customer Care	420 22537 2707
	Fax	02 5441 8328
	Tech Fax	02 5441 8328
	Switchboard (Sales)	02 5441 7585
South Africa (Johannesburg)	Website: **support.euro.dell.com**	
International Access Code:	E-mail: dell_za_support@dell.com	
09/091	Gold Queue	011 709 7713
Country Code: **27**	Technical Support	011 709 7710
City Code: **11**	Customer Care	011 709 7707
	Sales	011 709 7700
	Fax	011 706 0495
	Switchboard	011 709 7700
Southeast Asian and Pacific Countries	Technical Support, Customer Service, and Sales (Penang, Malaysia)	604 633 4810

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Spain (Madrid)	Website: **support.euro.dell.com**	
International Access Code: **00**	**Home and Small Business**	
Country Code: **34**	Technical Support	902 100 130
City Code: **91**	Customer Care	902 118 540
	Sales	902 118 541
	Switchboard	902 118 541
	Fax	902 118 539
	Corporate	
	Technical Support	902 100 130
	Customer Care	902 115 236
	Switchboard	91 722 92 00
	Fax	91 722 95 83
Sweden (Upplands Vasby)	Website: **support.euro.dell.com**	
International Access Code: **00**	Technical Support for XPS	0771 340 340
Country Code: **46**	Technical Support for all other Dell products	08 590 05 199
City Code: **8**	Relational Customer Care	08 590 05 642
	Home/Small Business Customer Care	08 587 70 527
	Employee Purchase Program (EPP) Support	020 140 14 44
	Technical Support Fax	08 590 05 594
	Sales	08 590 05 185
Switzerland (Geneva)	Website: **support.euro.dell.com**	
International Access Code: **00**	E-mail: Tech_support_central_Europe@dell.com	
Country Code: **41**	Technical Support for XPS	0848 33 88 57
City Code: **22**	Technical Support (Home and Small Business) for all other Dell products	0844 811 411
	Technical Support (Corporate)	0844 822 844
	Customer Care (Home and Small Business)	0848 802 202
	Customer Care (Corporate)	0848 821 721
	Fax	022 799 01 90
	Switchboard	022 799 01 01

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Taiwan	Website: **support.ap.dell.com**	
International Access Code: **002**	E-mail: support.dell.com.cn/email	
Country Code: **886**	Technical Support (XPS)	toll-free: 0080 186 3085
	Technical Support (OptiPlex, Latitude, Inspiron, Dimension, and Electronics and Accessories)	toll-free: 0080 186 1011
	Technical Support (servers and storage)	toll-free: 0080 160 1256
	Customer Care	toll-free: 0080 160 1250 (option 5)
	Transaction Sales	toll-free: 0080 165 1228
	Corporate Sales	toll-free: 0080 165 1227
Thailand	Website: **support.ap.dell.com**	
International Access Code: **001**	Technical Support (OptiPlex, Latitude, and Dell Precision)	toll-free: 1800 0060 07
Country Code: **66**	Technical Support (PowerApp, PowerEdge, PowerConnect, and PowerVault)	toll-free: 1800 0600 09
	Customer Care	toll-free: 1800 006 007 (option 7)
	Corporate Sales	toll-free: 1800 006 009
	Transaction Sales	toll-free: 1800 006 006
Trinidad/Tobago	Website: **www.dell.com/tt**	
	E-mail: la-techsupport@dell.com	
	General Support	toll-free: 1-888-799-5908
Turks and Caicos Islands	Website: **www.dell.com/tc**	
	E-mail: la-techsupport@dell.com	
	General Support	toll-free: 1-877-441-4735

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U.K. (Bracknell)	Website: **support.euro.dell.com**	
International Access Code: **00**	E-mail: dell_direct_support@dell.com	
Country Code: **44**	Customer Care website: **support.euro.dell.com/uk/en/ECare/form/home.asp**	
City Code: **1344**	**Sales**	
	Home and Small Business Sales	0870 907 4000
	Corporate/Public Sector Sales	01344 860 456
	Customer Care	
	Home and Small Business Customer Care	0870 906 0010
	Corporate Customer Care	01344 373 185
	Preferred Accounts (500–5000 employees)	0870 906 0010
	Global Accounts Customer Care	01344 373 186
	Central Government Customer Care	01344 373 193
	Local Government & Education Customer Care	01344 373 199
	Health Customer Care	01344 373 194
	Technical Support	
	Technical Support for XPS computers only	0870 366 4180
	Technical Support (Corporate/Preferred Accounts/PCA [1000+ employees])	0870 908 0500
	Technical Support for all other products	0870 353 0800
	General	
	Home and Small Business Fax	0870 907 4006
Uruguay	Website: **www.dell.com/uy**	
	E-mail: la-techsupport@dell.com	
	General Support	toll-free: 000-413-598-2521

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U.S.A. (Austin, Texas)	Automated Order-Status Service	toll-free: 1-800-433-9014
International Access Code: **011**	AutoTech (portable and desktop computers)	toll-free: 1-800-247-9362
Country Code: **1**	Hardware and Warranty Support (Dell TV, Printers, and Projectors) for Relationship customers	toll-free: 1-877-459-7298
	Americas Consumer XPS Support	toll-free: 1-800-232-8544
	Consumer (Home and Home Office) Support for all other Dell products	toll-free: 1-800-624-9896
	Customer Service	toll-free: 1-800-624-9897
	Employee Purchase Program (EPP) Customers	toll-free: 1-800-695-8133
	Financial Services website: **www.dellfinancialservices.com**	
	Financial Services (lease/loans)	toll-free: 1-877-577-3355
	Financial Services (Dell Preferred Accounts [DPA])	toll-free: 1-800-283-2210
	Business	
	Customer Service and Support	toll-free: 1-800-456-3355
	Employee Purchase Program (EPP) Customers	toll-free: 1-800-695-8133
	Support for printers, projectors, PDAs, and MP3 players	toll-free: 1-877-459-7298
	Public (government, education, and healthcare)	
	Customer Service and Support	toll-free: 1-800-456-3355
	Employee Purchase Program (EPP) Customers	toll-free: 1-800-695-8133
	Dell Sales	toll-free: 1-800-289-3355
		or toll-free: 1-800-879-3355
	Dell Outlet Store (Dell refurbished computers)	toll-free: 1-888-798-7561
	Software and Peripherals Sales	toll-free: 1-800-671-3355
	Spare Parts Sales	toll-free: 1-800-357-3355
	Extended Service and Warranty Sales	toll-free: 1-800-247-4618
	Fax	toll-free: 1-800-727-8320
	Dell Services for the Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing, or Speech-Impaired	toll-free: 1-877-DELLTTY (1-877-335-5889)

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U.S. Virgin Islands	E-mail: la-techsupport@dell.com	
	General Support	toll-free: 1-877-702-4360
Venezuela	Website: **www.dell.com/ve**	
	E-mail: la-techsupport@dell.com	
	General Support	0800-100-4752

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Specifications

Processor	
Processor type	Intel® Core™ Duo, Intel Celeron® M, or Intel Pentium® M processors
L1 cache	32 KB
L2 cache	1 MB, 2 MB
External bus frequency (front side bus)	533 MHz and 667 MHz

System Information	
System chip set	Mobile Intel 945 GM Express or Mobile Intel 945 PM Express
Data bus width	64 bits
DRAM bus width	64 bits
Processor address bus width	32 bits
Flash EPROM	4 MB
Graphics bus	64 bits
PCI bus	32 bits

ExpressCard	
ExpressCard controller	Intel ICH7
ExpressCard connector	one ExpressCard slot (54 mm)
Cards supported	ExpressCard/34 (34 mm) and ExpressCard/54 (54 mm)
	1.5 V and 3.3 V
ExpressCard connector size	26 pins

5-in-1 Media Memory Card Reader	
5-in-1 media memory card controller	Ricoh R5C832
5-in-1 media memory card connector	5-in-1 combo card connector
Cards supported	MS MS Pro SD/SDIO MMC xD
5-in-1 media memory card connector size	36.8 x 29.3 x 4.75 mm

Memory	
Memory module connector	two SODIMM connectors
Memory module capacities	256 MB, 512 MB, 1 GB, and 2 GB
Memory type	1.8-V SODIMM DDR-2
Minimum memory	256 MB
Maximum memory	4 GB

Ports and Connectors	
Audio	microphone/line-in connector, two headphone connectors **NOTE:** You can use the microphone/line-in and headphone connectors to switch to 5.1 surround sound mode (see "Sound Modes" on page 68).
IEEE 1394a	4-pin serial connector
Mini-Card	two Type II Mini-Card slots
Modem	RJ-11 port
Network adapter	RJ-45 port
S-video TV-out	7-pin mini-DIN connector (optional adapter cable(s) with S/PDIF, S-video, composite video via dongle, and component video connectors)
USB	four 4-pin USB 2.0-compliant connectors
Video	15-hole connector

Communications	
Modem:	
Type	v.92 56K MDC
Controller	softmodem
Interface	Intel High-Definition Audio
Network adapter	10/100 Ethernet LAN on system board
Wireless	internal PCI-e Mini-Card WLAN and/or Mobile Broadband support and Bluetooth® wireless technology support

Video	
NOTE: Optional video controller upgrades are available for your computer at the time of purchase. To determine the configuration of your computer, see "Determining Your Computer's Configuration" on page 15.	
Video type:	integrated on system board
Video controller	Intel® 945 GM
Video memory	up to 128 MB of shared memory (with 256 MB of system memory) or 224 MB of shared memory (with 512 MB or more of system memory)
LCD interface	LVDS
TV support	NTSC or PAL in S-video, composite via dongle, and component modes
Video type:	discrete video card
Data bus	PCI Express X16
Video controller	NVIDIA GeForce Go 7400
Video memory	64 MB (up to a total of 256 MB shared memory)
LCD interface	LVDS
TV support	NTSC or PAL in S-video, composite, and component modes
Camera	Logitech, optional, integrated in display bezel, 1.3 megapixel, video resolution 640 x 480 @ 30 ps, rotates approximately 240 degrees, image reverses when camera is tilted backward, blue camera light that indicates that a camera application is open

Audio	
Audio type	two-channel high-definition audio codec
Audio controller	Sigmatel STAC9220 Codec
Stereo conversion	24-bit (analog-to-digital and digital-to-analog)
Interfaces:	
Internal	Intel High Definition Audio
External	microphone/line-in connector, two stereo headphone/speaker connectors
Speaker	two 4-ohm speakers
Internal speaker amplifier	1-W channel into 4 ohms
Volume controls	program menus, media control buttons
Microphone	directional hypercardioid microphone, integrated on camera and rotates with camera, available only with integrated camera

Display	
Type (active-matrix TFT)	12.1-inch WXGA (True Life)
Dimensions:	
Height	163.2 mm (6.43 inches)
Width	261.12 mm (10.28 inches)
Diagonal	307.93 mm (12.1 inches)
Maximum resolutions	1280 x 800 at 16.7 million colors
Refresh rate	60 Hz
Operating angle	0° (closed) to 180°
Viewing angles:	
Horizontal	±40° typical
Vertical	+10°/–30°
Pixel pitch	0.204 mm
Controls	brightness can be controlled through keyboard shortcuts (see "Display Functions" on page 36)

Keyboard	
Number of keys	87 (U.S. and Canada); 88 (Europe); 91 (Japan)
Layout	QWERTY/AZERTY/Kanji

Touch Pad	
X/Y position resolution (graphics table mode)	240 cpi
Size:	
Width	73.0-mm (2.9-inch) sensor-active area
Height	42.9-mm (1.7-inch) rectangle

Battery	
Type	6-cell "smart" lithium ion
	9-cell "smart" lithium ion
Dimensions:	
Depth	49 mm (1.93 inches) (6 cell)
	60.1 mm (2.37 inches) (9 cell)
Height	24 mm (0.94 inch)
Width	206.8 mm (8.14 inches)
Voltage	11.1 VDC
Charge time (approximate):	
Computer off	1 hour (6 cell) (Dell™ ExpressCharge™)
	2 hours (9 cell)
Operating time	Battery operating time varies depending on operating conditions and can be significantly reduced under certain power-intensive conditions. See "Power Problems" on page 100.
	See "Using a Battery" on page 39 for more information on battery life.
Life span (approximate)	300 discharge/charge cycles

Battery *(continued)*	
Temperature range:	
Operating	0° to 35°C (32° to 95°F)
Storage	–40° to 60°C (–40° to 140°F)
Coin-cell battery	CR-2032

AC Adapter	
Input voltage	90–264 VAC
Input current (maximum)	1.5 A
Input frequency	47–63 Hz
Output current	4.34 A (maximum at 4-second pulse); 3.34 A (65 W) (continuous)
Output power	65 W
Rated output voltage	19.5 +/–1.0 VDC
Dimensions:	
Height	28.2 mm (1.11 inches)
Width	57.9 mm (2.28 inches)
Depth	137.2 mm (5.4 inches)
Weight (with cables)	0.4 kg (0.9 lb)
Temperature range:	
Operating	0° to 35°C (32° to 95°F)
Storage	–40° to 65°C (–40° to 149°F)
Travel adapter	optional

Physical	
Height	31.4 mm (1.2 inches)
Width	299 mm (11.96 inches)
Depth	220.98 mm (8.7 inches)
Weight (with 6-cell battery and optical drive)	1.98 kg (4.37 lb)

Environmental	
Temperature range:	
Operating	0° to 35°C (32° to 95°F)
Storage	–40° to 65°C (–40° to 149°F)
Relative humidity (maximum):	
Operating	10% to 90% (noncondensing)
Storage	5% to 95% (noncondensing)
Maximum vibration (using a random-vibration spectrum that simulates user environment):	
Operating	0.9 GRMS
Storage	1.3 GRMS
Maximum shock (measured with hard drive in head-parked position and a 2-ms half-sine pulse):	
Operating	122 G
Storage	163 G
Altitude (maximum):	
Operating	–15.2 to 3048 m (–50 to 10,000 ft)
Storage	–15.2 to 10,668 m (–50 to 35,000 ft)

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Appendix

Using the System Setup Program

NOTE: Your operating system may automatically configure most of the options available in the system setup program, thus overriding options that you set through the system setup program. (An exception is the **External Hot Key** option, which you can disable or enable only through the system setup program.) For more information on configuring features for your operating system, see the Windows Help and Support Center. To access the Help and Support Center, see page 13.

The system setup screens display the current setup information and settings for your computer, such as:

- System configuration
- Basic device-configuration settings
- System security and hard-drive password settings
- Power management settings
- Boot (start-up) configuration and display settings
- Docking-device settings
- Wireless control settings

NOTICE: Unless you are an expert computer user or are directed to do so by Dell technical support, do not change the system setup program settings. Certain changes might make your computer work incorrectly.

Viewing the System Setup Screen

1. Turn on (or restart) your computer.
2. When the DELL™ logo appears, press <F2> immediately. If you wait too long and the Windows logo appears, continue to wait until you see the Windows desktop. Then shut down your computer and try again.

System Setup Screen

The system setup screen consists of three windows of information. The window on the left contains an expandable hierarchy of control categories. If you select (highlight) a category (such as **System**, **Onboard Devices**, or **Video**) and press <Enter>, you can show or hide the related subcategories. The window on the right contains information about the category or subcategory selected in the window on the left.

The window at the bottom tells you how to control the system setup program with key functions. Use these keys to select a category, modify its settings, or exit the system setup program.

Commonly Used Options

Certain options require that you reboot the computer for new settings to take effect.

Changing the Boot Sequence

The *boot sequence*, or *boot order*, tells the computer where to look to find the software needed to start the operating system. You can control the boot sequence and enable/disable devices using the **Boot Order** page of the system setup program.

NOTE: To change the boot sequence on a one-time-only basis, see "Performing a One-Time Boot" on page 172.

The **Boot Order** page displays a general list of the bootable devices that may be installed in your computer, including but not limited to the following:

- **Diskette Drive**
- **Internal HDD**
- **USB Storage Device**
- **CD/DVD/CD-RW drive**
- **Modular bay HDD**

NOTE: Only devices that are preceded by a number are bootable.

During the boot routine, the computer starts at the top of the list and scans each enabled device for the operating system start-up files. When the computer finds the files, it stops searching and starts the operating system.

To control the boot devices, select (highlight) a device by pressing the down-arrow or up-arrow key, and then enable or disable the device or change its order in the list.

- To enable or disable a device, highlight the item and press the space bar. Enabled items are preceded by a number; disabled items are not preceded by a number.
- To reorder a device in the list, highlight the device and press either <u> to move the device up the list or <d> to move a device down the list.

Boot sequence changes take effect as soon as you save the changes and exit the system setup program.

Performing a One-Time Boot

You can set a one-time-only boot sequence without entering the system setup program. (You can also use this procedure to boot the Dell Diagnostics on the diagnostics utility partition on your hard drive.)

1 Shut down the computer through the **Start** menu.

2 Connect the computer to an electrical outlet.

3 Turn on the computer. When the DELL logo appears, press <F2> immediately. If you wait too long and the Windows logo appears, continue to wait until you see the Windows desktop. Then shut down your computer and try again.

4 When the boot device list appears, highlight the device from which you want to boot and press <Enter>.

   The computer boots to the selected device.

The next time you reboot the computer, the previous boot order is restored.

Cleaning Your Computer

CAUTION: Before you begin any of the procedures in this section, follow the safety instructions located in the *Product Information Guide*.

Computer, Keyboard, and Display

CAUTION: Before you clean your computer, disconnect the computer from the electrical outlet and remove any installed batteries. Clean your computer with a soft cloth dampened with water. Do not use liquid or aerosol cleaners, which may contain flammable substances.

- Use a can of compressed air to remove dust from between the keys on the keyboard and to remove any dirt or lint from the display.

NOTICE: To help prevent damage to the computer or display, do not spray cleaning solution directly onto the display. Only use products specifically designed for cleaning displays, and follow the instructions that are included with the product.

- Moisten a soft, lint-free cloth with either water or a display cleaner. Do not use alcohol or an ammonia-based cleaner. Wipe the display gently working from the center to the edges until it is clean and any fingerprints are removed. Do not use excessive pressure.
- Moisten a soft, lint-free cloth with water and wipe the computer and keyboard. Do not allow water from the cloth to seep between the touch pad and the surrounding palm rest.

Touch Pad

1 Shut down and turn off your computer. See "Turning Off Your Computer" on page 113.

2 Disconnect any attached devices from the computer and from their electrical outlets.

3 Remove any installed batteries. See "Using a Battery" on page 39.

4 Moisten a soft, lint-free cloth with water, and wipe it gently across the surface of the touch pad. Do not allow water from the cloth to seep between the touch pad and the surrounding palm rest.

Floppy Drive

NOTICE: Do not attempt to clean drive heads with a swab. You might accidentally misalign the heads which prevents the drive from operating.

Clean your floppy drive using a commercially available cleaning kit. These kits contain pretreated floppies to remove contaminants that accumulate during normal operation.

CDs and DVDs

NOTICE: Always use compressed air to clean the lens in the CD/DVD drive, and follow the instructions that come with the compressed-air product. Never touch the lens in the drive.

If you notice problems, such as skipping, with the playback quality of your CDs or DVDs, try cleaning the discs.

1 Hold the disc by its outer edge. You can also touch the inside edge of the center hole.

NOTICE: To help prevent damage to the surface, do not wipe in a circular motion around the disc.

2 With a soft, lint-free cloth, gently wipe the bottom of the disc (the unlabeled side) in a straight line from the center to the outer edge of the disc.

   For stubborn dirt, try using water or a diluted solution of water and mild soap. You can also purchase commercial products that clean discs and provide some protection from dust, fingerprints, and scratches. Cleaning products for CDs are also safe to use on DVDs.

Camera

NOTICE: To avoid scratching or fogging the camera lens, do not use any solvents or abrasives when cleaning the camera.

To clean, carefully wipe the camera with a soft, damp cloth and thoroughly dry the camera with a soft, lint-free cloth.

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- Move the system away from the receiver.
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Glossary

Terms in this Glossary are provided for informational purposes only and may or may not describe features included with your particular computer.

A

AC — alternating current — The form of electricity that powers your computer when you plug the AC adapter power cable in to an electrical outlet.

ACPI — advanced configuration and power interface — A power management specification that enables Microsoft® Windows® operating systems to put a computer in standby or hibernate mode to conserve the amount of electrical power allocated to each device attached to the computer.

AGP — accelerated graphics port — A dedicated graphics port that allows system memory to be used for video-related tasks. AGP delivers a smooth, true-color video image because of the faster interface between the video circuitry and the computer memory.

AHCI — Advanced Host Controller Interface — An interface for a SATA hard drive Host Controller which allows the storage driver to enable technologies such as Native Command Queuing (NCQ) and hot plug.

antivirus software — A program designed to identify, quarantine, and/or delete viruses from your computer.

ASF — alert standards format — A standard to define a mechanism for reporting hardware and software alerts to a management console. ASF is designed to be platform- and operating system-independent.

B

battery life span — The length of time (years) during which a portable computer battery is able to be depleted and recharged.

battery operating time — The length of time (minutes or hours) that a portable computer battery powers the computer.

BIOS — basic input/output system — A program (or utility) that serves as an interface between the computer hardware and the operating system. Unless you understand what effect these settings have on the computer, do not change them. Also referred to as *system setup*.

bit — The smallest unit of data interpreted by your computer.

Bluetooth® wireless technology — A wireless technology standard for short-range (9 m [29 feet]) networking devices that allows for enabled devices to automatically recognize each other.

boot sequence — Specifies the order of the devices from which the computer attempts to boot.

bootable CD — A CD that you can use to start your computer. In case your hard drive is damaged or your computer has a virus, ensure that you always have a bootable CD or floppy disk available. Your *Drivers and Utilities* (or *ResourceCD*) is a bootable CD.

bootable disk — A disk that you can use to start your computer. In case your hard drive is damaged or your computer has a virus, ensure that you always have a bootable CD or floppy disk available.

bps — bits per second — The standard unit for measuring data transmission speed.

BTU — British thermal unit — A measurement of heat output.

bus — A communication pathway between the components in your computer.

bus speed — The speed, given in MHz, that indicates how fast a bus can transfer information.

byte — The basic data unit used by your computer. A byte is usually equal to 8 bits.

C

C — Celsius — A temperature measurement scale where 0° is the freezing point and 100° is the boiling point of water.

cache — A special high-speed storage mechanism which can be either a reserved section of main memory or an independent high-speed storage device. The cache enhances the efficiency of many processor operations.

L1 cache — Primary cache stored inside the processor.

L2 cache — Secondary cache which can either be external to the processor or incorporated into the processor architecture.

carnet — An international customs document that facilitates temporary imports into foreign countries. Also known as a *merchandise passport*.

CD-R — CD recordable — A recordable version of a CD. Data can be recorded only once onto a CD-R. Once recorded, the data cannot be erased or written over.

CD-RW — CD rewritable — A rewritable version of a CD. Data can be written to a CD-RW disc, and then erased and written over (rewritten).

CD-RW drive — A drive that can read CDs and write to CD-RW (rewritable CDs) and CD-R (recordable CDs) discs. You can write to CD-RW discs multiple times, but you can write to CD-R discs only once.

CD-RW/DVD drive — A drive, sometimes referred to as a combo drive, that can read CDs and DVDs and write to CD-RW (rewritable CDs) and CD-R (recordable CDs) discs. You can write to CD-RW discs multiple times, but you can write to CD-R discs only once.

clock speed — The speed, given in MHz, that indicates how fast computer components that are connected to the system bus operate.

COA — Certificate of Authenticity — The Windows alpha-numeric code located on a sticker on your computer. Also referred to as the *Product Key* or *Product ID*.

Control Panel — A Windows utility that allows you to modify operating system and hardware settings, such as display settings.

controller — A chip that controls the transfer of data between the processor and memory or between the processor and devices.

CRIMM — continuity rambus in-line memory module — A special module that has no memory chips and is used to fill unused RIMM slots.

cursor — The marker on a display or screen that shows where the next keyboard, touch pad, or mouse action will occur. It often is a blinking solid line, an underline character, or a small arrow.

D

DDR SDRAM — double-data-rate SDRAM — A type of SDRAM that doubles the data burst cycle, improving system performance.

DDR2 SDRAM — double-data-rate 2 SDRAM — A type of DDR SDRAM that uses a 4-bit prefetch and other architectural changes to boost memory speed to over 400 MHz.

device — Hardware such as a disk drive, printer, or keyboard that is installed in or connected to your computer.

device driver — See *driver*.

DIMM — dual in-line memory module — A circuit board with memory chips that connects to a memory module on the system board.

DIN connector — A round, six-pin connector that conforms to DIN (Deutsche Industrie-Norm) standards; it is typically used to connect PS/2 keyboard or mouse cable connectors.

disk striping — A technique for spreading data over multiple disk drives. Disk striping can speed up operations that retrieve data from disk storage. Computers that use

disk striping generally allow the user to select the data unit size or stripe width.

DMA — direct memory access — A channel that allows certain types of data transfer between RAM and a device to bypass the processor.

docking device — See *APR*.

DMTF — Distributed Management Task Force — A consortium of hardware and software companies who develop management standards for distributed desktop, network, enterprise, and Internet environments.

domain — A group of computers, programs, and devices on a network that are administered as a unit with common rules and procedures for use by a specific group of users. A user logs on to the domain to gain access to the resources.

DRAM — dynamic random-access memory — Memory that stores information in integrated circuits containing capacitors.

driver — Software that allows the operating system to control a device such as a printer. Many devices do not work properly if the correct driver is not installed in the computer.

DSL — Digital Subscriber Line — A technology that provides a constant, high-speed Internet connection through an analog telephone line.

dual-core — An Intel® technology in which two physical computational units exist inside a single processor package, thereby increasing computing efficiency and multi-tasking ability.

dual display mode — A display setting that allows you to use a second monitor as an extension of your display. Also referred to as *extended display mode*.

DVD-R — DVD recordable — A recordable version of a DVD. Data can be recorded only once onto a DVD-R. Once recorded, the data cannot be erased or written over.

DVD+RW — DVD rewritable — A rewritable version of a DVD. Data can be written to a DVD+RW disc, and then erased and written over (rewritten). (DVD+RW technology is different from DVD-RW technology.)

DVD+RW drive — drive that can read DVDs and most CD media and write to DVD+RW (rewritable DVDs) discs.

DVI — digital video interface — A standard for digital transmission between a computer and a digital video display.

E

ECC — error checking and correction — A type of memory that includes special circuitry for testing the accuracy of data as it passes in and out of memory.

ECP — extended capabilities port — A parallel connector design that provides improved bidirectional data transmission. Similar to EPP, ECP uses direct memory access to transfer data and often improves performance.

EIDE — enhanced integrated device electronics — An improved version of the IDE interface for hard drives and CD drives.

EMI — electromagnetic interference — Electrical interference caused by electromagnetic radiation.

ENERGY STAR® — Environmental Protection Agency requirements that decrease the overall consumption of electricity.

EPP — enhanced parallel port — A parallel connector design that provides bidirectional data transmission.

ESD — electrostatic discharge — A rapid discharge of static electricity. ESD can damage integrated circuits found in computer and communications equipment.

expansion card — A circuit board that installs in an expansion slot on the system board in some computers, expanding the capabilities of the computer. Examples include video, modem, and sound cards.

expansion slot — A connector on the system board (in some computers) where you insert an expansion card, connecting it to the system bus.

ExpressCard — A removable I/O card adhering to the PCMCIA standard. Modems and network adapters are common types of ExpressCards. ExpressCards support both the PCI Express and USB 2.0 standard.

Express Service Code — A numeric code located on a sticker on your Dell™ computer. Use the Express Service Code when contacting Dell for assistance. Express Service Code service may not be available in some countries.

extended display mode — A display setting that allows you to use a second monitor as an extension of your display. Also referred to as *dual display mode*.

extended PC Card — A PC Card that extends beyond the edge of the PC Card slot when installed.

F

Fahrenheit — A temperature measurement scale where 32° is the freezing point and 212° is the boiling point of water.

FBD — fully-buffered DIMM — A DIMM with DDR2 DRAM chips and an Advanced Memory Buffer (AMB) that speeds communication between the DDR2 SDRAM chips and the system.

FCC — Federal Communications Commission — A U.S. agency responsible for enforcing communications-related regulations that state how much radiation computers and other electronic equipment can emit.

fingerprint reader — A strip sensor that uses your unique fingerprint to authenticate your user identity to help secure your computer.

folder — A term used to describe space on a disk or drive where files are organized and grouped. Files in a folder can be viewed and ordered in various ways, such as alphabetically, by date, and by size.

format — The process that prepares a drive or disk for file storage. When a drive or disk is formatted, the existing information on it is lost.

FSB — front side bus — The data path and physical interface between the processor and RAM.

FTP — file transfer protocol — A standard Internet protocol used to exchange files between computers connected to the Internet.

G

G — gravity — A measurement of weight and force.

GB — gigabyte — A measurement of data storage that equals 1024 MB (1,073,741,824 bytes). When used to refer to hard drive storage, the term is often rounded to 1,000,000,000 bytes.

GHz — gigahertz — A measurement of frequency that equals one thousand million Hz, or one thousand MHz. The speeds for computer processors, buses, and interfaces are often measured in GHz.

graphics mode — A video mode that can be defined as *x* horizontal pixels by *y* vertical pixels by *z* colors. Graphics modes can display an unlimited variety of shapes and fonts.

GUI — graphical user interface — Software that interacts with the user by means of menus, windows, and icons. Most programs that operate on the Windows operating systems are GUIs.

H

hard drive — A drive that reads and writes data on a hard disk. The terms hard drive and hard disk are often used interchangeably.

heat sink — A metal plate on some processors that helps dissipate heat.

hibernate mode — A power management mode that saves everything in memory to a reserved space on the hard drive and then turns off the computer. When you restart the computer, the memory information that was saved to the hard drive is automatically restored.

HTTP — hypertext transfer protocol — A protocol for exchanging files between computers connected to the Internet.

Hyper-Threading — Hyper-Threading is an Intel technology that can enhance overall computer performance by allowing one physical processor to function as two logical processors, capable of performing certain tasks simultaneously.

hypercardioid — A hypercardioid microphone with a highly directional pickup pattern that is even narrower than that of a cardioid microphone.

Hz — hertz — A unit of frequency measurement that equals 1 cycle per second. Computers and electronic devices are often measured in kilohertz (kHz), megahertz (MHz), gigahertz (GHz), or terahertz (THz).

I

IC — integrated circuit — A semiconductor wafer, or chip, on which thousands or millions of tiny electronic components are fabricated for use in computer, audio, and video equipment.

IDE — integrated device electronics — An interface for mass storage devices in which the controller is integrated into the hard drive or CD drive.

IEEE 1394 — Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. — A high-performance serial bus used to connect IEEE 1394-compatible devices, such as digital cameras and DVD players, to the computer.

infrared sensor — A port that allows you to transfer data between the computer and infrared-compatible devices without using a cable connection.

integrated — Usually refers to components that are physically located on the computer's system board. Also referred to as *built-in*.

I/O — input/output — An operation or device that enters and extracts data from your computer. Keyboards and printers are I/O devices.

I/O address — An address in RAM that is associated with a specific device (such as a serial connector, parallel connector, or expansion slot) and allows the processor to communicate with that device.

IrDA — Infrared Data Association — The organization that creates international standards for infrared communications.

IRQ — interrupt request — An electronic pathway assigned to a specific device so that the device can communicate with the processor. Each device connection must be assigned an IRQ. Although two devices can share the same IRQ assignment, you cannot operate both devices simultaneously.

ISP — Internet service provider — A company that allows you to access its host server to connect directly to the Internet, send and receive e-mail, and access websites. The ISP typically provides you with a software package, user name, and access phone numbers for a fee.

K

Kb — kilobit — A unit of data that equals 1024 bits. A measurement of the capacity of memory integrated circuits.

KB — kilobyte — A unit of data that equals 1024 bytes but is often referred to as 1000 bytes.

key combination — A command requiring you to press multiple keys at the same time.

kHz — kilohertz — A measurement of frequency that equals 1000 Hz.

L

LAN — local area network — A computer network covering a small area. A LAN usually is confined to a building or a few nearby buildings. A LAN can be connected to another LAN over any distance through telephone lines and radio waves to form a wide area network (WAN).

LCD — liquid crystal display — The technology used by portable computer and flat-panel displays.

LED — light-emitting diode — An electronic component that emits light to indicate the status of the computer.

local bus — A data bus that provides a fast throughput for devices to the processor.

LPT — line print terminal — The designation for a parallel connection to a printer or other parallel device.

LVDS — low-voltage differential signaling

M

Mb — megabit — A measurement of memory chip capacity that equals 1024 Kb.

Mbps — megabits per second — One million bits per second. This measurement is typically used for transmission speeds for networks and modems.

MB — megabyte — A measurement of data storage that equals 1,048,576 bytes. 1 MB equals 1024 KB. When used to refer to hard drive storage, the term is often rounded to 1,000,000 bytes.

MB/sec — megabytes per second — One million bytes per second. This measurement is typically used for data transfer ratings.

media bay — A bay that supports devices such as optical drives, a second battery, or a Dell TravelLite™ module.

memory — A temporary data storage area inside your computer. Because the data in memory is not permanent, it is recommended that you frequently save your files while you are working on them, and always save your files before you shut down the computer. Your computer can contain several different forms of memory, such as RAM, ROM, and video memory. Frequently, the word memory is used as a synonym for RAM.

memory address — A specific location where data is temporarily stored in RAM.

memory mapping — The process by which the computer assigns memory addresses to physical locations at start-up. Devices and software can then identify information that the processor can access.

memory module — A small circuit board containing memory chips, which connects to the system board.

MHz — megahertz — A measure of frequency that equals 1 million cycles per second. The speeds for computer processors, buses, and interfaces are often measured in MHz.

Mini PCI — A standard for integrated peripheral devices with an emphasis on communications such as modems and NICs. A Mini PCI card is a small external card that is functionally equivalent to a standard PCI expansion card.

Mini-Card — A small card designed for integrated peripherals, such as communication NICs. The Mini-Card is functionally equivalent to a standard PCI expansion card.

modem — A device that allows your computer to communicate with other computers over analog telephone lines. Three types of modems include: external, PC Card, and internal. You typically use your modem to connect to the Internet and exchange e-mail.

module bay — See *media bay.*

ms — millisecond — A measure of time that equals one thousandth of a second. Access times of storage devices are often measured in ms.

MP — megapixel — A measure of image resolution used for digital cameras.

N

network adapter — A chip that provides network capabilities. A computer may include a network adapter on its system board, or it may contain a PC Card with an adapter on it. A network adapter is also referred to as a *NIC* (network interface controller).

NIC — See *network adapter.*

notification area — The section of the Windows taskbar that contains icons for providing quick access to programs and computer functions, such as the clock, volume control, and print status. Also referred to as *system tray.*

ns — nanosecond — A measure of time that equals one billionth of a second.

NVRAM — nonvolatile random access memory — A type of memory that stores data when the computer is turned off or loses its external power source. NVRAM is used for maintaining computer configuration information such as date, time, and other system setup options that you can set.

O

optical drive — A drive that uses optical technology to read or write data from CDs, DVDs, or DVD+RWs. Example of optical drives include CD drives, DVD drives, CD-RW drives, and CD-RW/DVD combo drives.

P

parallel connector — An I/O port often used to connect a parallel printer to your computer. Also referred to as an *LPT port*.

partition — A physical storage area on a hard drive that is assigned to one or more logical storage areas known as logical drives. Each partition can contain multiple logical drives.

PC Card — A removable I/O card adhering to the PCMCIA standard. Modems and network adapters are common types of PC Cards.

PCI — peripheral component interconnect — PCI is a local bus that supports 32-and 64-bit data paths, providing a high-speed data path between the processor and devices such as video, drives, and networks.

PCI Express — A modification to the PCI interface that boosts the data transfer rate between the processor and the devices attached to it. PCI Express can transfer data at speeds from 250 MB/sec to 4 GB/sec. If the PCI Express chip set and the device are capable of different speeds, they will operate at the slower speed.

PCMCIA — Personal Computer Memory Card International Association — The organization that establishes standards for PC Cards.

PIO — programmed input/output — A method of transferring data between two devices through the processor as part of the data path.

pixel — A single point on a display screen. Pixels are arranged in rows and columns to create an image. A video resolution, such as 800 x 600, is expressed as the number of pixels across by the number of pixels up and down.

Plug-and-Play — The ability of the computer to automatically configure devices. Plug and Play provides automatic installation, configuration, and compatibility with existing hardware if the BIOS, operating system, and all devices are Plug and Play compliant.

POST — power-on self-test — Diagnostics programs, loaded automatically by the BIOS, that perform basic tests on the major computer components, such as memory, hard drives, and video. If no problems are detected during POST, the computer continues the start-up.

processor — A computer chip that interprets and executes program instructions. Sometimes the processor is referred to as the CPU (central processing unit).

PS/2 — personal system/2 — A type of connector for attaching a PS/2-compatible keyboard, mouse, or keypad.

PXE — pre-boot execution environment — A WfM (Wired for Management) standard that allows networked computers that do not have an operating system to be configured and started remotely.

R

RAID — redundant array of independent disks — A method of providing data redundancy. Some common implementations of RAID include RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 5, RAID 10, and RAID 50.

RAM — random-access memory — The primary temporary storage area for program instructions and data. Any information stored in RAM is lost when you shut down your computer.

readme file — A text file included with a software package or hardware product. Typically, readme files provide installation information and describe new product enhancements or corrections that have not yet been documented.

read-only — Data and/or files you can view but cannot edit or delete. A file can have read-only status if:

- It resides on a physically write-protected floppy disk, CD, or DVD.
- It is located on a network in a directory and the system administrator has assigned rights only to specific individuals.

refresh rate — The frequency, measured in Hz, at which your screen's horizontal lines are recharged (sometimes also referred to as its *vertical frequency*). The higher the refresh rate, the less video flicker can be seen by the human eye.

resolution — The sharpness and clarity of an image produced by a printer or displayed on a monitor. The higher the resolution, the sharper the image.

RFI — radio frequency interference — Interference that is generated at typical radio frequencies, in the range of 10 kHz to 100,000 MHz. Radio frequencies are at the lower end of the electromagnetic frequency spectrum and are more likely to have interference than the higher frequency radiations, such as infrared and light.

ROM — read-only memory — Memory that stores data and programs that cannot be deleted or written to by the computer. ROM, unlike RAM, retains its contents after you shut down your computer. Some programs essential to the operation of your computer reside in ROM.

RPM — revolutions per minute — The number of rotations that occur per minute. Hard drive speed is often measured in rpm.

RTC — real time clock — Battery-powered clock on the system board that keeps the date and time after you shut down the computer.

RTCRST — real-time clock reset — A jumper on the system board of some computers that can often be used for troubleshooting problems.

S

SAS — serial attached SCSI — A faster, serial version of the SCSI interface (as opposed to the original SCSI parallel architecture).

SATA — serial ATA — A faster, serial version of the ATA (IDE) interface.

ScanDisk — A Microsoft utility that checks files, folders, and the hard disk's surface for errors. ScanDisk often runs when you restart the computer after it has stopped responding.

SCSI — small computer system interface — A high-speed interface used to connect devices to a computer, such as hard drives, CD drives, printers, and scanners. The SCSI can connect many devices using a single controller. Each device is accessed by an individual identification number on the SCSI controller bus.

SDRAM — synchronous dynamic random-access memory — A type of DRAM that is synchronized with the optimal clock speed of the processor.

serial connector — An I/O port often used to connect devices such as a handheld digital device or digital camera to your computer.

Service Tag — A bar code label on your computer that identifies your computer when you access Dell Support at **support.dell.com** or when you call Dell for customer service or technical support.

setup program — A program that is used to install and configure hardware and software. The **setup.exe** or **install.exe** program comes with most Windows software packages. *Setup program* differs from *system setup*.

shortcut — An icon that provides quick access to frequently used programs, files, folders, and drives. When you place a shortcut on your Windows desktop and double-click the icon, you can open its corresponding folder or file without having to find it first. Shortcut icons do not change the location of files. If you delete a shortcut, the original file is not affected. Also, you can rename a shortcut icon.

SIM — Subscriber Identity Module — A SIM card contains a microchip that encrypts voice and data transmissions. SIM cards can be used in phones or portable computers.

smart card — A card that is embedded with a processor and a memory chip. Smart cards can be used to authenticate a user on computers equipped for smart cards.

S/PDIF — Sony/Philips Digital Interface — An audio transfer file format that allows the transfer of audio from one file to another without converting it to and from an analog format, which could degrade the quality of the file.

standby mode — A power management mode that shuts down all unnecessary computer operations to save energy.

Strike Zone™ — Reinforced area of the platform base that protects the hard drive by acting as a dampening device when a computer experiences resonating shock or is dropped (whether the computer is on or off).

surge protectors — Prevent voltage spikes, such as those that may occur during an electrical storm, from entering the computer through the electrical outlet. Surge protectors do not protect against lightning strikes or against brownouts, which occur when the voltage drops more than 20 percent below the normal AC-line voltage level.

Network connections cannot be protected by surge protectors. Always disconnect the network cable from the network connector during electrical storms.

SVGA — super-video graphics array — A video standard for video cards and controllers. Typical SVGA resolutions are 800 x 600 and 1024 x 768.

The number of colors and resolution that a program displays depends on the capabilities of the monitor, the video controller and its drivers, and the amount of video memory installed in the computer.

S-video TV-out — A connector used to attach a TV or digital audio device to the computer.

SXGA — super-extended graphics array — A video standard for video cards and controllers that supports resolutions up to 1280 x 1024.

SXGA+ — super-extended graphics array plus — A video standard for video cards and controllers that supports resolutions up to 1400 x 1050.

system board — The main circuit board in your computer. Also known as the *motherboard*.

system setup — A utility that serves as an interface between the computer hardware and the operating system. System setup allows you to configure user-selectable options in the BIOS, such as date and time or system password. Unless you understand what effect the settings have on the computer, do not change the settings for this program.

T

TAPI — telephony application programming interface — Enables Windows programs to operate with a wide variety of telephony devices, including voice, data, fax, and video.

text editor — A program used to create and edit files that contain only text; for example, Windows Notepad uses a text editor. Text editors do not usually provide word wrap or formatting functionality (the option to underline, change fonts, and so on).

TPM — trusted platform module — A hardware-based security feature that when combined with security software enhances network and computer security by enabling features such as file and e-mail protection.

travel module — A plastic device designed to fit inside the module bay of a portable computer to reduce the weight of the computer.

U

UMA — unified memory allocation — System memory dynamically allocated to video.

UPS — uninterruptible power supply — A backup power source used when the electrical power fails or drops to an unacceptable voltage level. A UPS keeps a computer running for a limited amount of time when there is no electrical power. UPS systems typically provide surge suppression and may also provide voltage regulation. Small UPS systems provide battery power for a few minutes to enable you to shut down your computer.

USB — universal serial bus — A hardware interface for a low-speed device such as a USB-compatible keyboard, mouse, joystick, scanner, set of speakers, printer, broadband devices (DSL and cable modems), imaging devices, or storage devices. Devices are plugged directly in to a 4-pin socket on your computer or in to a multi-port hub that plugs in to your computer. USB devices can be connected and disconnected while the computer is turned on, and they can also be daisy-chained together.

UTP — unshielded twisted pair — Describes a type of cable used in most telephone networks and some computer networks. Pairs of unshielded wires are twisted to protect against electromagnetic interference, rather than relying on a metal sheath around each pair of wires to protect against interference.

UXGA — ultra extended graphics array — A video standard for video cards and controllers that supports resolutions up to 1600 x 1200.

V

video controller — The circuitry on a video card or on the system board (in computers with an integrated video controller) that provides the video capabilities—in combination with the monitor—for your computer.

video memory — Memory that consists of memory chips dedicated to video functions. Video memory is usually

faster than system memory. The amount of video memory installed primarily influences the number of colors that a program can display.

video mode — A mode that describes how text and graphics are displayed on a monitor. Graphics-based software, such as Windows operating systems, displays in video modes that can be defined as *x* horizontal pixels by *y* vertical pixels by *z* colors. Character-based software, such as text editors, displays in video modes that can be defined as *x* columns by *y* rows of characters.

video resolution — See *resolution*.

virus — A program that is designed to inconvenience you or to destroy data stored on your computer. A virus program moves from one computer to another through an infected disk, software downloaded from the Internet, or e-mail attachments. When an infected program starts, its embedded virus also starts.

A common type of virus is a boot virus, which is stored in the boot sectors of a floppy disk. If the floppy disk is left in the drive when the computer is shut down and then turned on, the computer is infected when it reads the boot sectors of the floppy disk expecting to find the operating system. If the computer is infected, the boot virus may replicate itself onto all the floppy disks that are read or written in that computer until the virus is eradicated.

V — volt — The measurement of electric potential or electromotive force. One V appears across a resistance of 1 ohm when a current of 1 ampere flows through that resistance.

W

W — watt — The measurement of electrical power. One W is 1 ampere of current flowing at 1 volt.

WHr — watt-hour — A unit of measure commonly used to indicate the approximate capacity of a battery. For example, a 66-WHr battery can supply 66 W of power for 1 hour or 33 W for 2 hours.

wallpaper — The background pattern or picture on the Windows desktop. Change your wallpaper through the Windows Control Panel. You can also scan in your favorite picture and make it wallpaper.

WLAN — wireless local area network. A series of interconnected computers that communicate with each other over the air waves using access points or wireless routers to provide Internet access.

write-protected — Files or media that cannot be changed. Use write-protection when you want to protect data from being changed or destroyed. To write-protect a 3.5-inch floppy disk, slide its write-protect tab to the open position.

WWAN — wireless wide area network. A wireless high-speed data network using cellular technology and covering a much larger geographic area than WLAN.

WXGA — wide-aspect extended graphics array — A video standard for video cards and controllers that supports resolutions up to 1280 x 800."

X

XGA — extended graphics array — A video standard for video cards and controllers that supports resolutions up to 1024 x 768.

Z

ZIF — zero insertion force — A type of socket or connector that allows a computer chip to be installed or removed with no stress applied to either the chip or its socket.

Zip — A popular data compression format. Files that have been compressed with the Zip format are called Zip files and usually have a filename extension of **.zip**. A special kind of zipped file is a self-extracting file, which has a filename extension of **.exe**. You can unzip a self-extracting file by double-clicking it.

Zip drive — A high-capacity floppy drive developed by Iomega Corporation that uses 3.5-inch removable disks called Zip disks. Zip disks are slightly larger than regular floppy disks, about twice as thick, and hold up to 100 MB of data.

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